Pens beat N.J. Devils

A three-goal second period helped the injury-riddled Penguins beat the New Jersey Devils, 4-2, Tuesday night. **1B**

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Smoke-free restaurants

The Eat 'n Park in Rostraver Township is among a growing number of local restaurants where smoking is prohibited. **10A**

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Tax relief coming for seniors?

The state House of Representatives voted Tuesday to relieve lower-income seniors of their school property tax burden.

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG — In a dramatic turn, the state House voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to relieve lower income seniors of their school property tax burden, undercutting a proposal that would have slashed property taxes for all homeowners but raised sales and income taxes.

The property tax debate was expected to continue today amid uncertainty about what, if anything, will finally emerge from the chamber.

The plan that was approved Tuesday, sponsored by veteran Republican floor strategist Rep. John M. Perzel, of Philadelphia, would dedicate the billion dollars or more a year that the slots gambling industry is projected to generate to pay the taxes of older Pennsylvanians on 600,000 homes and other properties.

It passed 159-36 but requires another favorable vote to be sent to the Senate.

Majority Leader Bill DeWeese, D-Greene, said the House would next take up a proposal to amend the constitution by ending school districts' authority to levy real estate property taxes in 2010. If passed, it could in turn affect or cancel out Perzel's legislation.

Perzel's amendment includes an age limit of 65 and an income limit for a full tax cut of $40,000. It would not increase any other taxes, unlike the Democratic plan, but it would leave empty-handed about 2.7 million families who would otherwise be on track to get tax relief next year. Perzel disputed predictions his legislation would be vetoed.

"As far as the governor's concerned, if he doesn't like seniors he doesn't like seniors, I can't help that," he said.

Chuck Ardo, a spokesman for Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell, declined comment late Tuesday.

The surprise vote followed the three-to-one defeat of a Republican-sponsored proposal to eliminate all school property taxes — including those on businesses, commercial properties and second homes — by extending the state sales tax to far more transactions and increasing the income tax.

The sponsor of that measure, Rep. Sam Rohrer, R-Berks, called it "the biggest thing this House has ever discussed."

"The school property tax is taking people to their graves, both in their spirit and their will," he said.

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Volatile race looming for Republicans

Florida win puts McCain in the lead but Romney remains in the fight for GOP presidential nomination.

By LIZ SIDOTI
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — John McCain has emerged as the man to beat for the Republican nomination.

Only Mitt Romney stands in his way.

"We have a ways to go, but we are getting close," a gleeful McCain told supporters shortly after clinching Florida's primary Tuesday night.

A disappointed Romney promised to press on.

The GOP nomination fight finally has boiled down to a two-man race after a year of volatility that made 2008 the most wide-open GOP nomination fight in half a century.

n one corner: McCain, the four-term Arizona senator and former Vietnam prisoner of war arguing that he alone has the experience, judgment and leadership to be a wartime commander in chief.

In the other corner: Romney, a former Massachusetts governor with two-decades of work in the private sector who claims he is best able to turn around an economy bearing down on a recession.

The once-crowded field is set to grow thinner later today when former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani — who went 0-7 in contests — is expected to drop out of the race and endorse McCain.

That could help McCain in delegate-rich, more moderate states slated to vote next week, like California, New York and Illinois.

But it also could give Romney fodder to claim that McCain isn't the truest conservative in the race.

Among the others, Mike Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor who won Iowa, remains in the nomination hunt but has little money and has scored in the teens or below in five of the seven contests so far. Texas Rep. Ron Paul has made no move to withdraw even though he scores in single digits in voting.

That leaves only McCain and Romney with a serious shot at the nomination.

McCain has momentum working on his side from back-to-back wins; Romney has money and proven fundraising skills.

In the race for delegates to the national party convention, McCain (93) leads, followed by Romney (59), Huckabee (40), Paul (4) and Giuliani (1).

Up next on Tuesday: 21 GOP contests offering 1,023 of the 1,191 delegates needed to secure the nomination.

"In one week, we will have as close to a national primary as we've ever had in this country. I intend to win it and be the nominee of our party," McCain declared.

Romney, no doubt, will do whatever he can to prevent that, including, if absolutely necessary, pouring more of his own fortune into his campaign.

He's already contributed some $40 million to his own bid, and hasn't been shy about criticizing his rivals from the TV airwaves or while he campaigns.

Thus, the next seven days promise to be a dog fight.

No love lost between them, McCain and Romney spent the run up to Florida's primary bitterly sparring over national security and the economy. Both campaigns are gearing up for another rough-and-tumble week in which negative campaigning probably will spike

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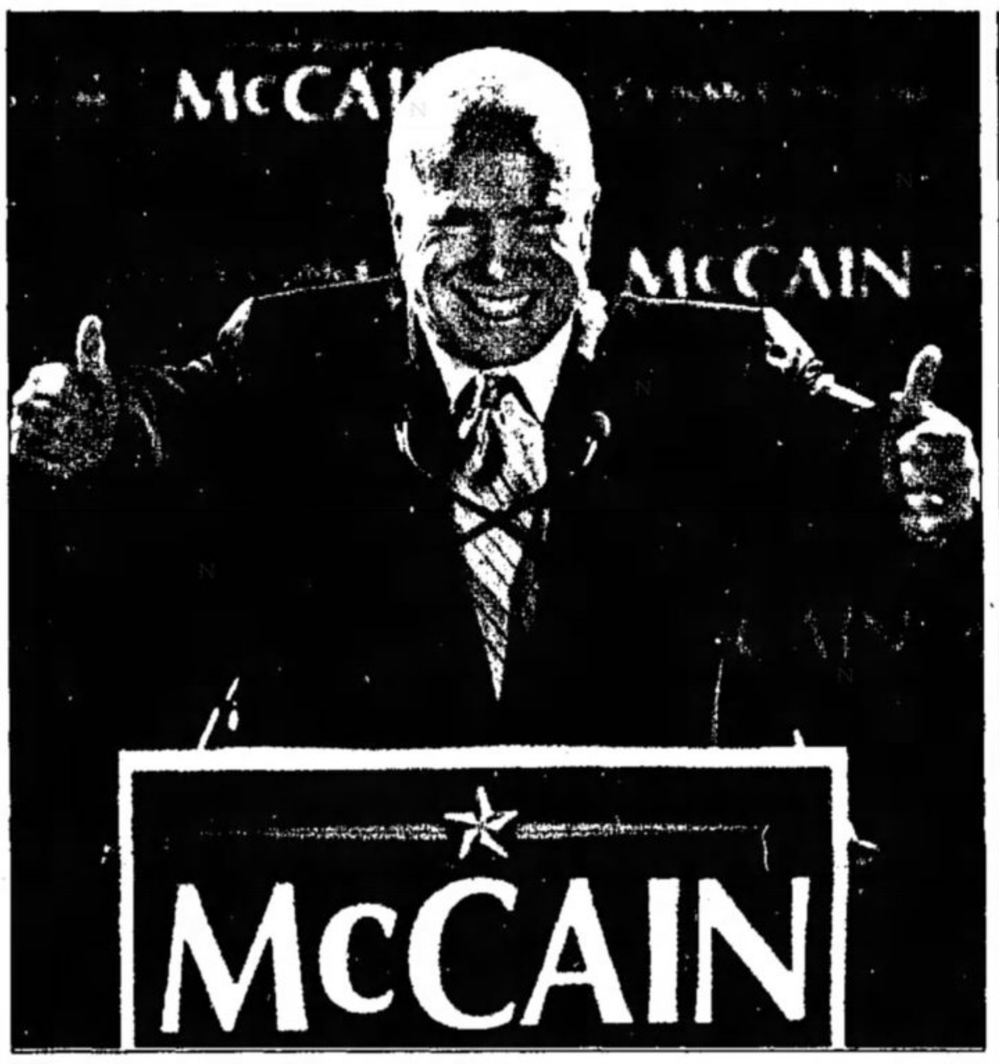

Associated Press

Republican presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., gives two thumbs up at his primary victory celebration in Miami on Tuesday.

Sex case remains against 'Red Rose'

Donora resident Karen Fletcher loses bid to have evidence against her suppressed.

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A federal judge has refused to suppress statements made to FBI agents by a Donora woman charged with transmitting obscene materials on the Internet.

Karen Fletcher is accused of running a Web site known as "Red Rose" that published graphic fictional stories about the torture and sexual abuse of children. Fletcher charged a monthly fee of $10 for her site, which had 29 subscribers, authorities said.

At a hearing Tuesday, her lawyer argued that when the FBI interviewed Fletcher at her home in February 2005, she should have been told of her constitutional right against self-incrimination.

But U.S. District Judge Joy Flowers Conti ruled that Fletcher had no reason to believe she was in custody during the interview and, therefore, a Miranda warning of her rights was not necessary.

Fletcher's attorneys also asked Conti to suppress evidence seized from Fletcher's home. They said the search warrant was too broad. Conti did not rule on that request.

Fletcher was charged with one count of obscenity for each of the six stories that involved the kidnapping, torture, sexual molestation and murder of children 9 years and younger.

Fletcher described her site as a "fantasy site" and told investigators she posts explicit stories about adults having sex with children, the FBI said in a search warrant affidavit.

Investigation under way into missing money claims

Some Washington Township water customers say they made cash payments at the authority office and were later told they were delinquent.

By JEFF PIKULSKY
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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP - The township municipal authority board Tuesday said its auditing firm and a law enforcement agency are looking into water customers' claims that they made cash payments at the authority office and were later told they were delinquent.

The board members recently learned that not all of the monthly cash payments taken at the office for water service dating back to 2006 were logged into the authority records.

For the past few months, some residents at public meetings have told the board members that they made cash payments at the office and have receipts to support those claims, yet were told in letters sent to their homes that they had not made the payments.

Board chairwoman Dee Fisher said the board's auditing firm, Edward Savarno and Associates, began sending letters to several residents in December, asking whether the customers can show receipts for their payments.

Fisher declined to say the amount of payments that weren't logged into the system.

She said the matter is being investigated and that the board would decide on a case-by-case basis whether the customers will have to make the payments.

Solicitor Michael Witherel said a law enforcement agency is looking into the claims, but he would not disclose which agency is involved and declined to elaborate on the issue.

"I just don't think that it's appropriate for the board to discuss the details on that," he told the residents.

"A police agency has been asked to investigate it. You let them do the job. You don't necessarily put it out in the public, all the details," the lawyer added.

Resident John Nusser claimed he was one of those who was unrightfully billed.

A former police officer, Nusser said he suspects foul play.

"This is stuff where thousands of dollars I know was taken and nobody wants to say anything," he said.

"I know what's been going on."

Board member Bob Campbell asked the audience to be patient.

"We can't discuss it, by law," he said.

"This board is not trying to hide what's going on."

Resident Gloria Yuschak said the board should have realized that payments were made because residents were not being billed extra the next month and their service was not being shut off, which can occur 20 days after a bill is not paid.

Fisher said the board would report to the public when the investigation concludes.

"Some of the bills weren't doubled. That's what's under investigation," she said. "As soon as the agency advises us what to do, we will do it. But in the interim, we have to wait until they make their decisions and their findings and their determinations."

Fisher said such precautions have been taken at the office as scanning paid bills into the computer system to ensure that all payments are tracked.

"I think some stopgaps have been put in now," she said. "I don't know why they were not in place."

In an unrelated matter, the board hired Denise Yawn as a full-time office clerk at $12.50 per hour with benefits.

The board agreed to pay Savarno no more than $9,200 for auditing services this year.

At a reorganization meeting earlier in the month, Fisher became the board chairwoman.

Tom Canigiani was named vice president, Joe Walko was named secretary and Mike Zadrozny was named treasurer.

VALLEY PEOPLE

Tax relief (FROM PAGE ONE)

Perzel's plan trumped an approach sponsored by Finance Committee Chairman David Levdansky, D-Allegheny, that would have directed tax cuts to all owners of primary residences and farms.

Levdansky proposed adding a half-percentage-point to the state sales tax — to 6.5 percent from the current 6 percent — and increasing the personal income tax by 0.22 percent, to 3.29.

Late Tuesday, an angry Levdansky called it "the ex-speaker's revenge."

"If he can't be in charge, then he doesn't want us to get anything done, either," Levdansky said.

Perzel said his legislation responded to voters' and school boards' rejection in recent years of other property tax reduction schemes.

"The bottom line is, the people of Pennsylvania don't like what we've been doing," he said.

"We can realistically take care of the senior homeowners — they're the ones that are most involved, most touched by these taxes."

Levdansky criticized Perzel's approach for creating a tax shelter for others by not limiting eligibility to people's primary residences or farms.

"If this amendment were to become law, I'm going to give my house to my parents," he said.

"And not just me, but all property owners who pay property taxes will be encouraged to give their property to their parents if they make less than $40,000."

Perzel's parliamentary maneuver was possible because House rules passed last year granted rank-and-file members the ability to force floor votes on amendments, a rule that was not in place when Perzel served as House majority leader and as speaker.

Yesteryear

David Nicolaus, of Valparaiso, Ind., submitted this photo of his father, Jacob Nicolaus Jr. (standing at center), taken in 1932 of the car Nicolaus made to race at the old Belle Vernon racetrack near Fairhope. The photo was taken in the front yard of the Nicolaus home at 29 Luce Ave. in Monessen.

Tax plans at a glance

By The Associated Press

The state House on Tuesday voted for a plan to use the proceeds from slots gambling to pay school taxes for 600,000 properties owned by older Pennsylvanians. It also rejected a variety of other property tax reform measures, including proposals that would have:

- Entirely eliminated the tax in exchange for increased income taxes and an expanded sales tax that would include many more items and services.
- Capped school district property tax increases.
- Created new rules for property reassessments in Bucks, Delaware and Montgomery counties.
- Required that voters approve school tax increases absent emergency conditions.
- Replaced the bill's formula to distribute the money by giving each household the same amount, $578 in tax year 2009-2010.

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Clinton wins Florida presidential primary

Clinton and Obama today began shoring up backing in states with looming contests.

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press Writer

DAVIE, Fla. — Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton claimed victory in a campaign-free Florida presidential primary while rival Barack Obama sketched a personal story that he argues can bring the nation together.

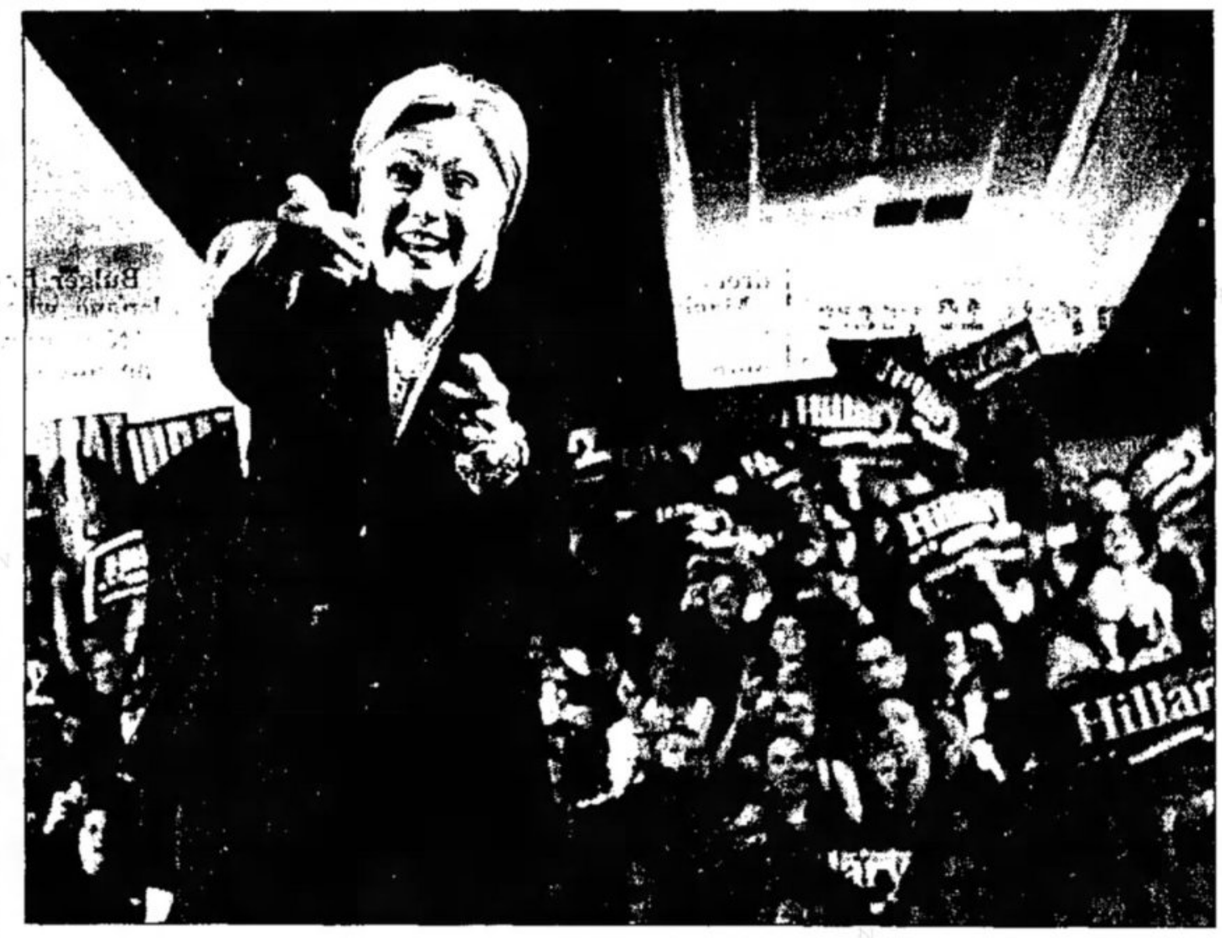
Both candidates moved quickly to shore up backing in states with looming contests as the potential for a protracted competition for the party's nomination grew ever more likely, making for a bitter battle over delegates to the summer's national convention.

For her part, Clinton was traveling today to Arkansas, where she served as first lady, before flying to Atlanta for the Democratic Party's Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner. Both of those states vote next Tuesday as part of a mega-primary day.

Obama was heading for Denver and then Phoenix for campaign rallies in states with big Hispanic populations, an important constituency and one for which the two are competing hard.

Clinton appeared in this south Florida city Tuesday night for a campaign event before about 1,000 backers, touting a victory in a race in which all the candidates had signed pledges not to compete.

With her lopsided loss to Obama last weekend in the South Carolina primary, Clinton was shopping for a place to claim a win in an effort to break his momentum.



Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., points to the crowd as she celebrates her primary victory in Davie, Fla., on Tuesday.

"I could not come here in person to ask for your vote, but I am here today to thank you for your votes today," Clinton declared at the kind of noisy rally that Florida Democrats have missed this election season.

Flanked by prominent Florida backers like Sen. Bill Nelson, she did her best to push her message on a night when the spotlight was on the Republicans and their tight race.

"I'm thrilled to have the vote of confidence you gave me today," Clinton said. "I am convinced that with this record vote, with the millions of Americans who will vote next Tuesday, we'll send a message that America is back and we will take charge of our destiny once again."

Citing the record turnout of 1.5 million Democrats, Clinton strategist Mark Penn called the results "significant" and "far more than symbolic."

Whatever the case, Clinton won 50 percent of the vote, Obama 33 percent. John Edwards got 14 percent.

Obama, meanwhile, was in Kansas collecting the backing of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and talking in more detail about his personal story. The son of a white mother from Kansas and a black father from Kenya, he was raised largely in Hawaii and lived in Indonesia.

Obama said his life has given him the depth to understand the various streams running through the nation, an understanding he believes could ease its cultural divisions.

"It's a varied and unlikely journey, but one that's held together by the same simple dream," he said. "And that is why it is an American story. That's why I can stand here and talk about how this country is more than a collection of red states and blue states because my story could have only happened in the United States of America."

GOP race (FROM PAGE ONE)

even higher.

"Who is it that has got the experience and background and knowledge to take on the challenge of radical Islamic extremism? Governor Romney has no experience there," McCain said early Tuesday in a preview of what's to come.

Romney, for his part, slapped at McCain, saying: "One of the candidates out there running for president said that the economy is not his strong suit; well, it's my strong suit."

The coming week is all but certain to get personal.

McCain's campaign views Romney as a serial flip-flopper who doesn't have a core set of beliefs and who changes his positions for political reasons.

Romney's campaign sees McCain, 71, as a candidate whose time has passed and who isn't loyal to Republican ideals.

The sparks could start Wednesday night in California when the Republicans still in the race debate at Ronald Reagan's presidential library in Simi Valley, Calif.

There were signs Tuesday in Florida that McCain may be breaking through as the choice of the party establishment and a candidate able to unite all wings of the Republican Party.

If so, the Arizona senator may be unstoppable.

Polling as people left voting stations showed McCain won among Republican moderates, Hispanics, Florida's numerous older voters and people who ranked the economy as their top issue, while Romney relied on a solid backing from conservatives and people troubled by illegal immigration and abortion.

McCain made progress among people calling themselves Republicans; he had been relying chiefly on independents, moderates and other groups on the periphery of the GOP for his strength in previous contest.

Lately, he has shown signs of appealing to party regulars.

As if to cap off his ascension as the race's current front-runner, voters picked McCain as the most electable GOP candidate for the general election and most qualified to be commander in chief, with more than four in 10 naming him for each.

Valley briefs

Forward police probing hit-run

Forward Township police are looking for the driver of a vehicle that was involved in a hit-and-run accident Tuesday afternoon.

Police said Christopher Antonimi, of Belle Vernon, was traveling west on Route 906 at 2:50 p.m. when a vehicle collided with the front of his 1999 Chevrolet Metro at the intersection of Route 136.

Police described the vehicle that struck Antonimi's as a dark blue, medium-sized compact car.

Antonimi did not need medical attention, police said.

Anyone with information on the incident can call Sgt. Glenn Fine at (412) 384-2134.

Reward offered for stolen copper

Carroll Township Police said about $6,000 worth of copper control cable has been reported stolen from Allegheny Power on Coyle-Curtain Road.

Police Chief Paul Brand said the company reported that 3,500 feet of rubber-coated cable was stolen from the company grounds at 1:45 a.m. Friday.

Allegheny Power is offering a $500 reward to anyone providing information that leads to an arrest.

Anyone with information can call police at (724) 483-5556.

Man gets 10 years for OTB robbery

A Hempfield man was sentenced Tuesday to serve up to 10 years in prison for the armed robbery of a now defunct off-track horse racing betting parlor nearly two years ago.

Christopher M. Jones pleaded guilty yesterday to charges of robbery, theft and conspiracy for the Aug. 1, 2006, heist of nearly $30,000 from The Meadows OTB in Greensburg.

Westmoreland County Judge John Blahovec yesterday ordered Jones to serve a five- to 10-year prison sentence.

Authorities said Jones, who previously worked as a manager for the betting parlor, and a woman stormed into the restaurant wearing ski masks, gloves and brandishing handguns.

At gunpoint, they moved workers through the facility and eventually to the safe, taking $29,554 in cash.

Jones, 26, was recognized by his former co-workers. Police said one former worker identified Jones from the sound of his voice, and his shoes.

Authorities were able to track down Jones through the use of a bloodhound supplied by the Greensburg Fire Department. Jones was confronted by police at the Greensburg home of his girlfriend, Crystal Shunk.

Shunk was charged as a co-defendant, as police said she was the person who accompanied Jones on the robbery.

Shunk testified against Jones at his preliminary hearing last year and said the robbery was planned as a means to raise money to pay off old debt and to start life anew. She also told authorities that she and Jones used BB guns in the heist.

Shunk, 23, of Mt. Pleasant Township, is scheduled to plead guilty to a set of charges next month.

Former Mid-Mon Valley resident Brandon Eugene Bulger, who now resides in Chesapeake, Va., recently was inducted into the Virginia Softball Hall of Fame.

Ex-area resident inducted into Virginia Hall of Fame

Brandon Eugene Bulger has always been interested in sports - particularly softball.

Now in his 70s, he has been recognized with a significant honor in the state of Virginia, where he now resides.

At (the former) Marion High School in Fairhope, he excelled in softball, baseball and football.

Known as "Kelly" by his classmates, he was captain of the varsity football team on which he played guard.

He was chosen for the Fayette County all star team in 1950. He graduated with the Class of 1951.

Bulger joined the Navy in 1951 for a three-year hitch, serving as an electronics technician.

He married Dolores Hotoff, of Monessen, and they became the parents of seven children.

Moving to the Tidewater area of Virginia in 1968, Bulger continued his interest in managing or coaching various softball teams.

His team won two regional titles and participated in two National Amateur Association tournaments.

He also managed and played in numerous adult men's softball teams since 1965.

Bulger was instrumental in forming the Tidewater Senior Softball Association for players 50 years and older.

The association now has 18 teams participating in senior softball - members ranging from 50 to 80 year of age.

Bulger has been an active player in the 50-plus, 60-plus and 70-plus age groups. He still plays with the latter group whenever they can get a team together, usually several times a month.

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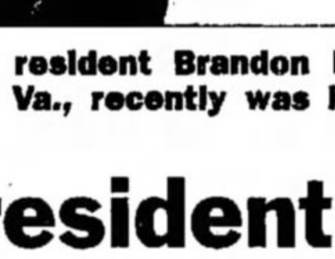

His friends in Tidewater refer to him as "Gene" and were excited when he was recently inducted into the Virginia Softball Hall of Fame as a legend.

When he's not playing ball in his spare time, Bulger is engaged in his hobby of gardening.

That's lucky for former Rostraver Township resident Bob Villenave, who lives a few blocks away from Bulger in Chesapeake, because they are now gardening buddies.

Bulger first volunteered his help to Villenave, who plants a large garden.

"Now we work the garden together, planting anything each of us desires, and we share the bounty," Villenave said.

The pair of former Mid-Mon Valley residents has formed a close bond of friendship and shared an interest in horseshoe pitching also.

Their service in the U.S. Navy is another thing the two have in common.

Villenave, who graduated from Rostraver High School in 1947, made the Navy his adult career.

Drives organized for fire victims

The California community is pulling together to help a family who lost their home to a fire Monday.

The home of Lisa and Walt Weld Jr., of 936 Spear St., was destroyed following the fire that started around 2 p.m. The couple and their two children were not home during the blaze, but the family's pet dog died in the fire. The family is currently staying with relatives.

A state police fire marshal is investigating the cause of the fire.

The California Girl Scouts Brownie Troop 4099 and the Daisy Troop 4069 are hosting a clothing drive for the family. Haley Weld, 6, is a Brownie, and a student at California Area Elementary School, and her sister Cheyenne, 4, is a Daisy member.

They are collecting girls clothes sizes 4-5 and 7-8, women's clothes size 18 or extra-large and men's size extra-large tall and pants size 40 by 34. They are also collecting shoes in the following sizes: women's 8, girl's 10 1/2, 13 or 1, and men's 13.

Those interested in donating items or monetary donations can do so by contacting the troop leaders: Michelle Geho at (724) 797-2230 or email at m.geho@yahoo.com or Shirley Evans at evansshirley@hotmail.com.

The California elementary PTA is also collecting clothes, toys, kitchen staples and furniture.

Area residents can ldearn how to donate by contacting Laura Hough at laurahoughk9@windstream.net or calling her at (724) 344-1595.

The California Area School District is also having fund-drives.

Thursday is "Hat Day" at the schools and children can wear a hat for a $1 donation.

Wecht defense says cadaver allegations sensational, salacious

Prosecutors allege the former coroner illegally traded cadavers for free lab space at Carlow U.

By JOE MANDAK
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH — The first witness in the fraud trial of celebrity pathologist Cyril Wecht answered questions Tuesday about federal prosecutors' most sensational accusation — that Wecht illegally traded cadavers from the county morgue for free lab space at a local university.

Edward Strimlan, assistant chief deputy coroner under Wecht, was called by prosecutors trying to show that Wecht committed a crime in giving bodies to Carlow University.

Wecht's attorneys, in their cross-examination of Strimlan on Tuesday, tried to show that the university still supports Wecht and that Strimlan himself engaged in the kinds of activities that led to the charges against his former boss.

Wecht, who has led inquiries into the deaths of Elvis Presley, JonBenet Ramsey and Vincent Foster among others, is accused of using his government staff as bookkeepers, secretaries, couriers and gofers for his family and his private pathology practice.

Prosecutors say Wecht, 76, illegally used the county workers to cut costs in his private practice, which grossed nearly $9 million from 1997 through 2004. He never made more than $64,000 per year as county coroner.

Strimlan on Tuesday testified about records that showed a cadaver was sent from the county morgue to Carlow and dissected, even after the body had been claimed by a relative.

By law, Wecht had the power as Allegheny County's coroner to donate unclaimed morgue bodies to science. But prosecutors allege Wecht skirted those rules in sending cadavers to the college.

Strimlan didn't back off his testimony about the cadaver records when he was cross-examined by Wecht attorney Jerry McDevitt. But Strimlan, who also teaches at Carlow, said Wecht continues to teach at the school and conduct autopsies there — even though the county stopped donating bodies after Wecht was indicted and resigned as coroner in January 2006.

"They haven't kicked him out?" McDevitt asked, referring to Carlow.

"No, sir," Strimlan said.

On the stand, Strimlan discussed county records that showed that a man who died of natural causes was not autopsied in November 2005. But Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Stallings has told the jury he will prove the body was autopsied at Carlow before it was delivered to a funeral home two days after the man died.

Prosecutors contend the Carlow autopsy was purposely not recorded in county records.

McDevitt on Tuesday also attacked Strimlan's credibility, noting that he listed different dates for his medical training on resumes and job applications with the coroner's office, Carlow and another college where he teaches. Strimlan has worked for the county since 1990 and continues to work in what is now called the County Medical Examiner's Office.

Under questioning by McDevitt, Strimlan also admitted that he developed a private business with another deputy coroner selling death-themed novelty T-shirts, some with the coroner's office logo, that were called "reaper wear."

Strimlan said federal authorities told him they were "not interested" in information that he did private work at the government office, even though McDevitt noted that's essentially the allegation against Wecht.

Strimlan said the business considered producing a football jersey with Wecht's name on the back bearing the number 84 — the original number of counts Wecht faced before prosecutors dropped more than half the counts in the grand jury indictment.

That project never developed, Strimlan said.

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ANTHONY — Donald F. Anthony, 74, of Monongahela, on Monday, Jan. 28. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

BELLO — Donald R. Bello, of Taunton, Mass., formerly of Monessen, on Monday, Jan. 28. Dockray & Thomas Funeral Home, Canton, Mass.*

BRANDABURA — Mary Brandabura, 90, of Monessen, on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Robert A. Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

DAVIS — Elizabeth L. Davis, 67, of Donora, on Sunday, Jan. 27. Paul Macik Funeral Home, Donora.*

KULIK — Irene G. Kulik, 77, of North Huntingdon, on Monday, Jan. 28. James W. Shirley Funeral Home Inc., North Huntingdon.*

KURILKO — Nicholas Kurilko, 91, of Charleroi, on Sunday, Jan. 27. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.*

LYNN — Henry Lynn, 89, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), on Tuesday, Jan. 29. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
MURT, Jonathan M.*
*** See death notice**

Donald R. Bello
Taunton, Mass.
Formerly of Monessen

Donald R. Bello, 93, of Taunton, Mass., formerly of Monessen, passed away Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, at his home after a lengthy illness. Born in Big Soldier, he was the son of Italian immigrants, Francisco and Maria Sevo Bello. He was raised in Monessen and graduated from Monessen High School. Mr. Bello was a welder foreman at the Oakland Hearth Division of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel before retiring. He lived in Taunton for the last eight years and had previously lived in Brockton, Mass., for 22 years. Mr. Bello was an avid deer hunter and Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers fan, only changing his allegiance to the Red Sox and Patriots after moving to Massachusetts. He was a former member of the Giuseppe Garibaldi Italian Club in Dunlevy and the former N.I.P.A. in Monessen. He was the beloved husband of Elvera (Mazzie), to whom he was married 68 years; father of Gerry Hogan and husband, Gary, of South Easton, Mass., and Gary Bello and wife, Sheila, of Lexington, Ky.; brother of Frank, of California, Ray, of Colorado, and Rose Jurcevich, of Monessen. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son, Donald Jr.; one grandson, Brian M. Hogan; one brother, Patsy; and four sisters, Theresa Glogosh, Lena Turpak, Katherine Bello and Mary Sendek. Friends will be received Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the O'KEEFE WADE FUNERAL HOME, 70 Washington St., Taunton (508-823-3371). A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Feb. 2, at 9 a.m. in Annunciation of the Lord Church in Taunton, followed by interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, also in Taunton.

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Mary Brandabura
Monessen

Mary Brandabura, 90, of Monessen, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, in Mon Valley Care Center. Born in Monessen on Aug. 5, 1917, she was the daughter of the late John and Sophia Choban Biszaha. She was a member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Andrew Nagel, and her second husband, John Brandabura; and one granddaughter, Christine Coccari. Survivors include one daughter, Carol Nagel Coccari, with whom she made her home; one son, Dr. Clement Nagel, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and one sister, Madeline Duwall, of Donora. Friends will be received in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700), on Friday, Feb. 1, from 9 to 11 a.m., the hour of service in the funeral home. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Rostraver Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Elizabeth L. Davis
Donora

Elizabeth L. "Betty" Davis, 67, of Donora, passed away Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. She was born in Wyano on April 17, 1940, the daughter of the late Harmon Augustive and Sylvia Emily King Davis. Survivors include her sister, Ruth Gregg and husband, Averel, of Maryland; two nieces, Susan Subocz and husband, Douglas, of Maryland, and Kelly Parrish and husband, Thomas, of Stevens; and great-nieces and nephews, Debbie, Jenny and Emily Subocz and Thomas, Christopher and Emily Parrish. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the PAUL MACIK FUNERAL HOME, 546 Thompson Ave., Donora (724-379-7000), where funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. William Bailey officiating. Interment will follow in Round Hill Cemetery, Elizabeth Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Donald F. Anthony
Monongahela

Donald Frank Anthony, 74, of Monongahela, died unexpectedly on Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, in his home. He was born Dec. 19, 1933, in East Monongahela, a son of the late Andrew and Theresa Revetta Anthony. Don was a member of St. Anthony's Church in Monongahela. He was a Korean War veteran, having served in the U.S. Army, where he was the recipient of a Purple Heart. He was retired, after owning and operating the Anthony Appliance Store in Monongahela and D.F. Anthony Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling in McMurray for over 20 years. He also was the former district manager for the George Neidermeyer Company in McMurray. His memberships included the Hoot Owl Athletic Association in New Eagle, past exulted ruler of the Monongahela Elks BPOE Lodge No. 455, lifetime member of the Sutman Yohe VFW Post 1409, and he was a past member of the Mon Valley Country Club and the Monongahela Turners. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Maryann Peters Anthony; sons and daughters, James Anthony and wife, Theresa, of Ripley, W.Va., Wayne Anthony and wife, Cathy, and Dorinda Anthony, all of Elkhart, Ind., Bobby Anthony, of Ripley, W.Va., and Randy Anthony and wife, Amy, and Louis Anthony, all of Monongahela; stepchildren, Mike, Mark, Matt and wife, Lynne, Mitch and wife, Marijo Panich, and Louis and wife, Kristen Pergola; granddaughter, Amanda Anthony, and 19 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; one sister, JoAnn Cushey and husband, Burt, of Finleyville; two brothers, Jack Albenze and wife, Judy, of Mt. Lebanon, and Alexander Withers and wife, Kathy, of Pensacola, Fla.; and nieces and nephews, Brenda Cushey, Michael, Theresa, and Brian Albenze, and Michael and Michelle Withers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Lorraine Pergola Anthony, and his second wife, Thelma Bianco Anthony; and a son, Ronald Anthony. Friends will be received Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136), where a blessing service will be held Thursday, Jan. 31, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Joseph Feltz officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to: American Heart Association, 5455 North High St., Columbus, Ohio 43214.

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Irene G. Kulik
North Huntingdon

Irene G. Kulik, 77, of North Huntingdon, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2008, at UPMC McKeesport Hospital. She was born Dec. 1, 1930, in McKeesport, a daughter of the late John and Barbara Gimant. She was a member of St. Agnes Church in North Huntingdon and its Christian Mothers. Irene was a graduate of McKeesport High School with the class of 1948. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Kulik, in 2007; and one sister, Joan Ochocki. She was the beloved mother of three sons, John V. Kulik and wife, Barbara, of Boiling Springs, Jim Kulik and wife, Laure, of Belle Vernon, and Richard D. Kulik, of North Huntingdon; grandmother of four, Jim and Ryan Kulik, Rachel Rhine and Cristie Leonard; two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Leonard and Lexi Rhine; and sister of Mary Kovac, of White Oak. Friends will be received at the JAMES W. SHIRLEY FUNERAL HOME, 176 Clay Pike, North Huntingdon (724-864-4200), on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, Jan. 31, at 10 a.m. in St. Agnes Church in North Huntingdon. Interment will be private in Twin Valley Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Norwin VFW, the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society. www.shirleyfuneralhome.com

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Nicholas Kurilko
Charleroi

Nicholas "Nick" Kurilko, 91, of Charleroi, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, in Havencrest Nursing Center, Carroll Township. He was born Oct. 22, 1916, in Monessen, a son of the late Antoni and Anna Demchak Kurilko. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and retired from the Charleroi plant of Corning Glass after 40 years of employment. Surviving is one daughter, Cathy Richardson, of Monongahela; one grandson, Garrett M. Richardson, of Washington, Pa.; one sister, Eva Rusnak, of Charleroi; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Harry, Mike and Ralph Kurilko; and one sister, Olga Vrastyak. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated this morning at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Monongahela, with the Rev. Joseph Feltz officiating. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Charleroi. Arrangements were handled by the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, Charleroi.

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Jonathan M. Murt
Rostraver Township

Jonathan M. Murt, 22, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), passed away Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, as a result of injuries sustained in a fire at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Jonathan was born in Pittsburgh on Feb. 10, 1985, the son of Thomas W. and Mary Lou Malinchak Murt. He was a member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church in Belle Vernon and a 2003 graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School, where he was a three-year varsity letterman and team captain in basketball. He also excelled in baseball and volleyball. Jonathan graduated with honors from West Virginia University with a degree in electrical engineering and was a member of the National Honor Society and the Beta Rho Chapter of ETA KAPPA NU electrical and computer engineering fraternity. He just recently began to flourish in his professional life with Converteam Inc., where he recently returned from a three-month company assignment in San Diego, Calif., and was looking forward to his next venture. In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Thomas J. Murt and wife, Patricia, of Canonsburg; his maternal grandmother, Evelyn Malinchak, of Monessen; his aunts and uncle, Debra and Dr. John Danek, of Craven Hill, who also were his godparents, and Patricia Nandor, of Jeannette; and two cousins, Lauren and John J. Danek. Friends will be received Thursday, Jan. 31, from 2 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), where a Blessing service will be held Friday, Feb. 1, at 9:15 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Sebastian R.C. Church, Belle Vernon, with the Rev. Lawrence Manchas as celebrant. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Jonathan M. Murt BVA-WVU Scholarship Fund through the funeral home.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Henry Lynn
Rostraver Township

Henry Lynn, 89, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Born in Rostraver Township on June 24, 1918, he was a son of the late Samuel B. and Ella Peterman Lynn. He was retired from USX and Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading and gardening. He was a lifetime member of the NRA and was Protestant by faith. He is survived by his wife, Nellie Keffer McBeth Lynn; one son, Lawrence H. Lynn, of West Newton; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Joseph Hedderman, of South Park; four grandchildren, Melissa Scullion, Amy Prater, Kevin Brown and Heather Brown-Downing; five great-grandchildren; numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Paul Lynn, of Rostraver Township; one sister-in-law, Regina Faye Gilmer, of Donora; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Mildred E. Reher Lynn; two brothers, Samuel and Everett Lynn; and two sisters, Helen Miller and Lucille Lynn. Friends will be received Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where a funeral service will be held Friday, Feb. 1, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Scott Berkley officiating. Interment will follow in the Mon Valley Memorial Park, Carroll Township.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

January 30

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2008. There are 336 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Jan. 30, 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.

On this date:

■ In 1649, England's King Charles I was beheaded.

■ In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.

■ In 1883, James Ritty and John Birch received a United States patent for the first cash register.

■ In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.

■ In 1933, the first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

■ In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi was shot and killed by a Hindu extremist.

■ In 1958, "Sunrise at Campobello," a play by Dore Schary about President Franklin D. Roosevelt's struggle against polio, opened on Broadway with Ralph Bellamy as FDR.

■ In 1962, two members of "The Flying Wallendas" family high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit.

■ In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

■ In 2005, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Robert McCartney, 33, was killed after intervening in a pub fight between Irish Republican Army members and a friend of his.

■ **Ten years ago**: An aviation pact was reached between Washington and Tokyo enabling American travelers to fly to Japan and other Asian points from several more U.S. cities.

■ **Five years ago**: President Bush put allies on notice that diplomacy would give way to a decision on war with Iraq in "weeks, not months." Wary world leaders and congressional critics urged patience and demanded proof of Iraq's transgressions.

■ **One year ago**: A propane tank explosion leveled the Little General Store in Ghent, W.Va., killing four people. Two gunmen shot and killed the wife of the Jackson County, Fla., sheriff and a deputy sent to check on her; other deputies opened fire and killed the assailants.

Associated Press

President Bush meets with officials Tuesday in Washington. From left, are U.S. Joint Forces Command Gen. James Mattis; Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. James E. Cartwright; White House Chief of Staff, Josh Bolten; Vice President Dick Cheney; President Bush; Deputy Secretary of Defense, Gordon England; and James Jeffrey, Deputy National Security Adviser.

Signs point to pause in U.S. withdrawal from Iraq

Some say improved security could be reversed if extra troops come out too soon.

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is sending strong signals that U.S. troop reductions in Iraq will slow or stop all together this summer, a move that would jeopardize hopes of relieving strain on the Army and Marine Corps and revive debate over an open-ended U.S. commitment in Iraq.

The indications of a likely slowdown reflect concern by U.S. commanders that the improvement in security in Iraq since June — to a degree few had predicted when President Bush ordered five more Army brigades to Iraq a year ago — is tenuous and could be reversed if the extra troops come out too soon.

One of those extra brigades left in December and the other four are due to come out by July, leaving 15 brigades, or roughly 130,000 to 135,000 troops — the same number as before Bush sent the reinforcements.

Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, is scheduled to report to the president and to Congress in April on possible additional cutbacks and any recommended changes in strategy. Petraeus recently said it would be prudent to "let things settle a bit" after the current round of troop cuts is completed in July before deciding whether and when to reduce further.

Majority Democrats in Congress have pressed unsuccessfully to wind down the war quickly, in part out of concern that more firepower should be transferred to Afghanistan, where the security situation has deteriorated. Reluctance by Bush to continue the troop drawdown beyond July is likely to trigger a new round of conflict with the anti-war Democrats, especially with the November elections looming.

Petraeus seems at this point to be inclined to declare a pause in troop reductions after July, although no decisions have been made and there are competing pressures from within the Pentagon. The Army in particular wants additional reductions to enable it to shorten Iraq tours from 15 months to 12 months. The longer tours are among pressures that Army leaders fear could break the force.

Petraeus speaks regularly with Defense Secretary Robert Gates and other administration officials to keep them informed of his thinking, although he has not yet made a recommendation to Bush. A senior administration official said Petraeus has made clear he is "concerned about a rush to 10" — a reference to the 10-brigade force level that some administration officials see as an attractive target to hit by the time Bush leaves the White House a year from now.

The administration official said "it really is not determined" yet whether conditions in Iraq will permit further cutbacks. The official briefed reporters last week at the White House on condition of anonymity.

With months to go before a decision has to be made about troop reductions in the second half of the year, it is possible that circumstances in Iraq will change, for better or for worse, in ways that cannot be foreseen. Thus Petraeus is likely to want as much time as possible before committing himself.

Afghanistan becoming 'forgotten war?'

Study concludes country 'stands at a crossroads.'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Afghanistan risks sliding into a failed state and becoming the "forgotten war" because of deteriorating international support and a growing violent insurgency, according to an independent study.

The assessment, co-chaired by retired Marine Corps Gen. James Jones and former U.N. Ambassador Thomas Pickering, serves as a warning to the Bush administration at a time military and congressional officials are debating how best to juggle stretched warfighting resources.

The administration wants to re-energize anti-terrorism efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where al-Qaida is regenerating. But the U.S. still remains heavily invested in Iraq, and officials are sending strong signals that troop reductions there will slow or stop this summer.

"Afghanistan stands at a crossroads," concludes the study, an advance copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press. "The progress achieved after six years of international engagement is under serious threat from resurgent violence, weakening international resolve, mounting regional challenges and a growing lack of confidence on the part of the Afghan people about the future direction of their country."

A major issue has been trying to win the war with "too few military forces and insufficient economic aid," the study adds.

Among the group's nearly three dozen recommendations: increase NATO force levels and military equipment sent to Afghanistan, decouple U.S. management of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, establish a special envoy to coordinate all U.S. policy on Afghanistan, and champion a unified strategy among partner nations to stabilize the country in five years.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Fed expected to cut interest rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve is likely to follow its bold action last week to battle an economic downturn with further interest rate reductions, although analysts are split on just what size the future cuts will be.

Some believe the Fed will settle into a series of quarter-point moves, especially if upcoming economic reports show the economy is slowing but not toppling into an actual recession.

That would mean the Fed will cut its federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, by a quarter point at the conclusion of Wednesday's meeting. It would be the fifth rate cut since last September.

Last week, the Fed announced a surprise three-quarter-point cut which drove the funds rate down to 3.5 percent. It was the largest reduction in this rate in more than two decades and the first change in the funds rate between meetings since the immediate aftermath of the September 2001 terrorist attacks.

While some economists are still looking for a half-point cut, other economists are arguing that the Fed is likely to produce only a quarter-point reduction, especially in light of some better-than-expected recent economic data.

POLICE LOG

Southwest Regional

■ Lloyd B. Wadsworth, 39, of 25 Barcelona Lane, Dunlevy, was cited for public drunkenness at 1:43 a.m. in the 400 block of Main Street, Belle Vernon, police said.

California

■ Joseph R. Lapsley, 22, of Glassport, was charged with disorderly conduct after he allegedly threw a pool ball at a mirror in JColes Tavern 1:21a.m. Saturday, police said.

William C. Scrip III, 27, of Roscoe, was charged with disorderly conduct after allegedly throwing a beer bottle just prior to the other incident, police said, adding it is unknown if these two incidents were related.

■ Marcus Anthony Jones, 19, of Landisville, was cited for underage drinking 12:01 a.m. Sunday on Third Street, police said.

State police, Greensburg

■ Anthony Grkman, 45, of West Newton, reported that during the hours of 6:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Jan. 22 someone entered his residence and removed an undetermined amount of money.

■ Nathaniel Pomaibo, 29, of Hunker, was charged with theft after he allegedly took $240 belonging to Joseph Lamacchia, 34, of Belle Vernon, at approximately 5:40 p.m. Jan. 22 in New Stanton Borough, police said.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $300,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $300,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Tuesday's game.

Lottery officials said 116 players matched four numbers and won $361.50 each; 4,239 players matched three numbers and won $10.50 each; and 46,667 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS — TUESDAY, JAN. 29

DAY PICK 3:	9-7-7
NIGHT PICK 3:	6-6-9
DAY PICK BIG 4:	5-8-4-5
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	2-5-6-0
TREASURE HUNT:	5-13-23-26-30
CASH 5:	2-4-6-32-33
MATCH 6:	8-9-18-31-41-44

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS — TUESDAY, JAN. 29

DAY PICK 3:	2-9-6
NIGHT PICK 3:	6-7-2
DAY PICK 4:	4-8-6-6
NIGHT PICK 4:	7-9-6-8
ROLLING CASH 5:	12-15-26-27-29

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS — TUESDAY, JAN. 29

DAILY 3:	4-3-5
DAILY 4:	3-5-2-1
CASH 25:	7-11-13-19-21-25

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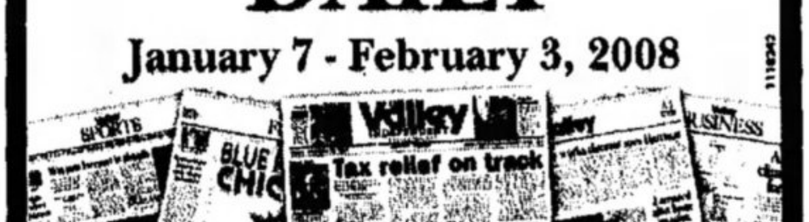

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OUR OPINION

Time for North Charleroi to merge

NORTH CHARLEROI Borough Council agrees it is time for a change. However, a planned reduction from seven to five council members will not effectively serve the little borough.

In fact, North Charleroi officials should consider a merger with one of its neighbors.

For years, North Charleroi has struggled to attract residents willing to govern the municipality.

In the recent election, with three council seats available, only one person ran for office. The same was true last time around.

The borough began the year with a budget that required one fewer mill in property tax revenue.

That's a good thing. Everybody likes to see tax rates fall.

Unfortunately, some borough officials were not exactly sure why they were able to reduce the millage rate.

While that sounds ridiculous, consider this: Council appointed then-colleague Joe Zelinsky to formulate the budget — even though he announced long before that he planned to leave the panel at year's end.

Council should have given the task to someone who planned to stick around. Had that been the case, a sitting councilman would be able to answer important budget questions now.

In government and finances, the end does not always justify the means. Hopefully, the spending plan will hold up through year's end. If no one knows how the budget came to be, it is possible no one on council is capable solving fiscal problems that might arise through the year.

North Charleroi residents deserve to know how their tax dollars are being spent, even if fewer of them are being collected and expended.

They also deserve proper representation, which speaks more to a full complement of representatives than the quality of those now serving.

Should North Charleroi merge with another municipality, the potential would be there for improved services and possibly even lower taxation.

In addition, those interested in continued public service could seek seats on their new borough council or township board of supervisors.

The decision to give up identity and autonomy is never easily made. In the end, though, the decision would lie with North Charleroi's citizens.

Not long ago, California and Coal Center considered a municipal merger. The electorate in Coal Center nixed that deal.

But considering political conditions in North Charleroi, a merger should at least be explored.

North Charleroi Council President Joe Villella said such a change is possible.

"It's coming," he said. "Everybody's hanging on by a string."

And that's not fair to North Charleroi residents — tax cut, or not.

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Whatever it takes

Charley **REESE**

The presidential campaign has reminded me of how sleazy and ruthless a couple Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clinton are. They will do or say whatever it takes to win, and they can both play the media like a piano.

Most politicians with national aspirations are the same. It's just a matter of degree. The Clintons, however, are world-class. They have lured Sen. Barack Obama into a squirting match, and he's like a kid who shows up at a gunfight with a water pistol. He should stick to his message and ignore the Clintons.

The Clinton strategy is plain to see — paint Obama as the "black candidate." The black candidate can win a few primaries, as Jessie Jackson demonstrated some years ago, but never the nomination.

I've given up endorsing presidential candidates, so I don't care who you vote for (or for whom you vote, for those who are snippy about their grammar). Personally, however, I am not looking forward to four years of Hillary or Rudy Giuliani.

Chuck Norris is right about John McCain being too old for the job. I had already said that. At 72 on Inauguration Day, the risk is too great. Pity.

At least in January 2009 we can all say goodbye to George Bush and his sidekick who demonstrated that ideology is no substitute for competence. On the other hand, if it is just a dynastic swap, the Bushes for the Clintons, I will definitely feel like I've seen this movie before.

Some of you, I'm sure, haven't yet begun to think seriously about the presidential race, but it's time you should. You have a lot of choices this time around. One of them is going to be your president for the next four years, so you might as well have your say on Election Day. Unlike merchandise, you can't return the president for a refund. For better or worse, you'll be stuck with him or her for four years.

So will I, but I at least can ignore him or her. If it's Hillary, I might just swap the old TV for a DVD player rather than be subjected to a nagging, strident woman who is sure to see all who disagree with her as right-wing conspirators. I was as glad to see Bill Clinton go as I will be to see George Bush depart; I will not be glad to see Clinton return.

As a matter of fact, I resisted the idea that Hillary would run for president because I couldn't think how she could control Bill once he's back in the White House. I was dead wrong about her not running. I seriously underestimated her ambition. I imagine she will control him with her sharp tongue and by bouncing a vase off his head now and then. She might even make him a special envoy to the Congo.

I realize both the Clintons are enormously popular among Democrats, and if I were forced to bet real money on who will win in November, I'd have to put my shekels on Hillary.

The Clintons have been successfully practicing whatever-it-takes politics for about 35 years. It's difficult to imagine that the American people won't be gullible enough to vote them into office.

They are at least smarter than Bush and hopefully less reckless than Dick Cheney. That's the only sliver of a silver lining I can see in a new Clinton administration, but I am, as they say, well out of the mainstream, and proud of it. They may also, like Herbert Hoover, get saddled with so many pressing problems that they will regret having won the election.

The hole President Bush has dug is so deep that whoever the new president is, he or she will be a long time pulling us out of it. It's entirely possible that American prosperity will end well before the war in Iraq. Come next year, we may all take comfort in the fact that we neither ran for nor were elected president.

Questions for the next leader of the free world

Diana **WEST**

News flash from U.S.-liberated Afghanistan. Remember the 23-year-old Afghan journalist I recently mentioned, the one detained in a Mazar-i-sharif jail for three months on "blasphemy" charges? Well, his limbo is over, his case resolved.

For "insulting" Islam, the Afghan court has sentenced Sayed Parwez Kaambakhsh to death.

According to the law of that land, which, not incidentally, is supported and protected by U.S. troops, only Afghan president Hamid Karzai — only U.S.-supported, Afghan president Hamid Karzai, that is — can do anything on the young man's behalf. Will he? That's the first question that comes to mind. But there are others, including two for all presidential candidates currently perusing this column: Should the United States force Karzai into leniency? Also, given post-Taliban Afghanistan's dependency on U.S. troops for survival, would the implementation of this Sharia (Islamic law) death sentence against Kaambakhsh make us a party to a Sharia crime against universal human rights?

This last question takes us to a topic I wish someone in power would consider — particularly those Americans now vying to lead this country for the next four years. (I regret to say the current administration is hopeless on this vital matter.) Does our "war on terror," which currently includes stabilizing U.S.-fostered governments that enshrine Sharia in Afghanistan and Iraq, in effect place the United States in the role of making the world safe ... for Sharia? That's one debate question I'd certainly like to see asked. And: Given Islamic terror groups' shared predilection for spreading Sharia, does this current U.S. strategy best serve what we like to think of as the cause of liberty?

Consider the Afghan blasphemy case. Calling on Karzai to intercede "before it's too late," Reporters Without Borders issued a statement saying, "We are deeply shocked by this trial, carried out in haste and without any concern for the law or for free expression, which is protected by the (Afghan) constitution."

Just to make sure all presidential candidates still reading this column are paying attention: Is the journalist rights group correct? Is it true that free expression is protected by the U.S.-midwifed Afghan constitution?

The answer is no. (And aren't you candidates lucky this isn't a nationally televised debate?) Sure, the Afghan constitution dubs freedom of expression "inviolable," but, like the U.S.-fostered constitution of Iraq, it makes Sharia supreme. "No law can be contrary to the beliefs and provisions of the sacred religion of Islam," says the Afghan constitution.

Goodbye, freedom of expression.

Of course, Islamic reasoning says otherwise. The deputy attorney general of Balkh Province, Hafizullah Khaliqyar, defended the Kaambakhsh blasphemy trial for being "very Islamic." In a most instructive interview with Radio Free Afghanistan, he made it clear that he considered blasphemy to be in a separate category from "inviolable" journalistic freedoms. "This was not a violation of human rights or press freedom, not a violation of rights of a journalist," he said. The defendant "violated the values of Islam," Khaliqyar continued. "He did not make a journalistic mistake; he insulted our religion. He misinterpreted the verses of the Koran and distributed this paper to others. All ulama (clerics) have condemned his act."

Off with his head, naturally.

More questions for presidential candidates, beginning with: Well? What do you say to that? After all, this wasn't some wild-eyed Taliban mullah shooting off his gun over perceived insults to Islam, but a deputy attorney general employed by the Afghan government that is supported by the United States. In other words, candidates, what is your opinion of the current policy which forges anti-jihadist alliances ultimately designed to thwart the spread of Sharia with countries that are, no matter how we want to cut it, themselves based in Sharia?

In order for the Westerner to grasp the Islamic line of thinking, as expressed by Khaliqyar, he must appreciate the difference between the Western understanding of freedom, which is rooted in the workings of the individual conscience and naturally gives rise to such institutions as a free press, and the Islamic understanding of freedom, which describes a state of divine enthrallment, even slavery, to Allah, and finds expression in the dictates of Sharia.

Heavy stuff? Not really. If the candidates drop the schoolyard sniping, they might have time to bone up on it before the next debate — certainly before one of them moves into the Oval Office. Or is that too much to ask the next leader of the free world?

The Polish Heritage Club, of Uniontown, sponsored its annual Wigilia event. Seated, from left, are Ben Stawowy, president; Julia Williams, secretary; and Helen Sobek, vice president; and standing, Andy Sadowsky, treasurer; the Rev. Canon Sredzinski, club chaplain; and Julius Sobek, marshall.

Dorothy Urbanowicz, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association national auditor, presents a $15,000 donation to the Rev. Lawrence Manchas, of St. Sebastian Church in Belle Vernon.

ON CAMPUS AT CAL U

Black History events grow

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California University of Pennsylvania will celebrate Black History Month in February.

The Black History Month Programming Committee was formed to highlight contributions and achievements by African-Americans.

The theme will be"Our Heritage Revealed: Celebrating our Past While Building our Future."

The following free events have been scheduled:

■ A "Weekly Brown Bag Series" will feature student presentations each Tuesday.

■ University of Pennsylvania history professor Dr. Mary Frances Berry will speak at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Natali Student Center Performance Center.

■ Dr. Charles Robinson will present "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? College Students and Interracial Relationships in the New Millennium," 11 a.m. Feb. 14 in room 103, Duda Hall. Robinson is director of African American Studies at the University of Arkansas.

■ Dr. Joe W. Trotter, a specialist in U.S. urban labor and African-American history from Carnegie Mellon University, will present "African Americans in Industrial America" 2 p.m. Feb. 21.

■ Dr. Will Torrence, a scholar in health policy issues from the University of Nebraska at Omaha will present "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness: Health Care as a Civil Right," 11 a.m. Feb. 28, in room 103, Duda Hall.

Tunney

Angelo Armenti Jr. Armenti commended the faculty's support of the Faculty Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The speakers included freshman Shawn Tunney, a mathematics and special education honors student from Roscoe.

Tunney received one of the scholarships.

Linda Toth, Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties president, and Cal U Provost Sean Madden also spoke.

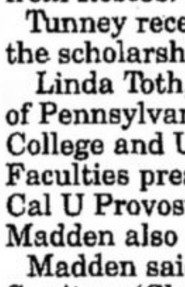
Madden said Dr. Emily Sweitzer (Class of 1992) was named interim associate provost, adding Norma Thomas was named master of social work director.

Armenti said Old Main Park will be finished this spring. Renovation and expansion of the Herron Recreation and Fitness Center will begin after spring break. Construction for the Convocation Center will begin in fall 2009 and expected to be completed by fall 2011.

Convocation conducted

The spring faculty convocation featured the state of the university address by Cal U President

Day of Service observed



Mitchell

California University conducted its fifth annual "Day of Service" Jan. 17.

Following a program in the Vulcan Theater, more than 50 students volunteered on and off campus.

The event included a talk by Dr. Anthony B. Mitchell, assistant director of university-community programs at Penn State Greater Allegheny.

Markeya Lowry, vice president of the Black Student Union, provided a welcome. LaMont Coleman, assistant dean for student development/student activities, planned the event.

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Smoke clears at restaurants

Many Mid-Mon Valley establishments have implemented bans.

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Eat 'n Park in Rostraver Township lets customers know about its new smoke-free policy.

C.J.'s Café, located on Wilson Avenue in the Giant Eagle Plaza in Bentleyville, has been smoke-free since it was opened.

When current owners Michelle Booth, Denise Lacey and Jason Jurscic took over the restaurant in May 2007, they decided to keep it smoke-free.

"A lot of people like that they can come here and enjoy a meal without any smoking," Booth said. "A few people have said if we had a smoking section, they would consider eating here.

"But it's been this way for all of these years. Besides, it's too small a place to make a smoking section."

C.J.'s café is one of a growing number of restaurants that now offer a smoke-free environment for their customers.

Booth said she believes smoke-free restaurants are the wave of the future, noting that such chains as McDonald's and Burger King have already done so at all of the restaurants.

So has Eat 'n Park, which went smoke free at all of its restaurants in May 2007.

Eat 'n Park had considered going smoke free for awhile at a time when Allegheny County was preparing to do so. Restaurant officials were especially concerned about the harm of second-hand smoke, said Eat 'n Park spokesman Kevin O'Connell.

But in May of 2007, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania ruled that Pennsylvania's Clean Indoor Air Act of 1988 prevented all local governments, except Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, from restricting smoking beyond existing state law. That existing state law does not ban smoking in all workplaces, in bars or in restaurants.

The court's decision specifically nullified Allegheny County's smoking ban.

At that point, Eat 'n' Park opted to do so on its own.

Eat 'n Park is one of a number of growing list of chain of restaurants locally that are now smoke free, including McDonald's, Wendy's, Subway, Dairy Queen, Quizno's, Long John Silver's and Burger King.

Other locally owned establishments that have joined the list are Armando's Pizza and Libby's Dairy Bar in Monessen; Hogan's, Italian Village Pizza, Sonny's Grille and Yummy Yummy Chinese Restaurant in Rostraver Township; the Speers Street Grille; China Fortune Restaurant in Elizabeth Township; and The Hot House in Carroll Township.

Eat 'n Park first tested the idea at three of the chains restaurants in Allegheny County. They went smoke free at all of the establishments – including restaurants in Monongahela and Rostraver – shortly after.

Employee reaction was very positive, said O'Connell.

"Our employees embraced it and a number accepted it as an opportunity to quit smoking," O'Connell said.

Eat 'n Park offered a free smoking cessation course for all employees who wanted to quite smoking, O'Connell said.

O'Connell said comments from customers have been about 80 percent positive. But ultimately, he said, Eat 'N Park made the move for its employees.

O'Connell said the effect has been negligible on sales. It has likely hurt sales overnight when customers come to eat after leaving the bars and clubs. But it has probably helped sales during the daytime, especially during breakfast – a popular time for families, O'Connell said.

Patty Kinneer, manager of The Beech House, in Finleyville, said the size of the quaint one-room restaurant motivated the decision to go smoke free. Having smoking and nonsmoking sections in such small quarters would not have made sense, she said.

Customers have been very receptive to the idea too, she said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fulmer

Kostal

Schier

Simon

Howard Hanna Simon Real Estate hires new agents

Howard Hanna Simon Real Estate in Rostraver recently announced the following agents have been hired:

■ Desiree Kostal, of Carroll Township, a Belle Vernon Area High School graduate who attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania for one year. She was formerly a corporate trainer at Hooters of America in Atlanta and previously worked for Old Navy in Homestead and Wendy's in Rostraver Township.

■ Nicole Schier, of White Oak, a 2001 graduate of Evangel University, with a bachelor of science degree in education. She previously worked as the children's education director of the New Hope Assembly of God in Elizabeth. Schier and her husband, Paul, have a son, Brady, 15 months.

■ Kitty Fulmer, of West Newton, has 10 years experience in real estate, having formerly worked for Prudential Preferred Realty. She is a former president of the Westmoreland West Association of Realtors. A high school graduate, she successfully completed a real estate and financial course. Fulmer and her husband, Allan, a full-time farmer, are the parents of three children and the grandparents of seven.

■ Thomas A. Simon Jr., of Dawson, is a graduate of Frazier High School.

Simon and his wife, Jeanne, have two sons, Tommy and William.

Carol Anden joins Prudential Preferred Realty

Carol Anden has joined the Rostraver office of Prudential Preferred Realty, manager Janet Daniele announced.

Anden

Anden, a lifelong resident of the Mon Valley, has been a realtor for 16 years.

Prior to her affiliation with Prudential Preferred Realty, she was a sales associate for C-21 Frontier.

She has received many multi-million dollar awards during her career.

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Family, Inc.

by Jennifer Antkowiak

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

Q: I've gotten off to a good start with a new plan to lose weight, but I've started to let things slip a little lately. How can I stay motivated to lose the weight I want to lose?

A: I read something once that stuck with me. You can't wait for motivation. If you do that, you might wait forever! You need to create motivation for yourself.

What happens in our minds plays such an important role in what we are able to accomplish with our bodies. Positive self talk is essential for success, according to Donna Diserio, Weight Watcher's Territory Manager for Pittsburgh. Donna's been with Weight Watcher's for 31 years and has gotten rid of 42 pounds by using their strategies. She believes in going through positive affirmations to give you the power you need to stay motivated. Allow yourself to reinforce in your mind that you are losing weight to have better health. Let yourself think about all the reasons that better health is important to you. Journaling those thoughts, or writing little notes to yourself about those reasons can help a great deal too.

Donna advises Weight Watcher's members she talks with to get into the habit of setting small, short term goals: Let me get through this day. Let me get through this meal.

The success you feel from those short term accomplishments will make you want to keep going.

Donna says another secret to long term success is support. She describes what happens at Weight Watcher's group meetings as "almost magical." "There's a lot of love and acceptance. There's a lot of learning, too. Everybody there understands the battle to lose weight. Everybody is willing to support one another."

So, to tap into that energy for yourself, create your own support group. Find the best cheerleader in your life, and share your goals with that person. Ask her to check on you. Ask her to be available for you. Chances are, your support person will be honored to be a part of your journey to a healthier life.

Being part of a group can help when it comes to keeping up with activity, too. Going to a gym or doing a home exercise video gives you the feeling that you are part of a group of people working to better their health. There's great comfort and motivation in that feeling.

If cravings threaten to throw you off track, Donna says take advantage of all of the new food products available. Manufacturers have responded to the country's needs, and have come out with a variety of healthy snacks. The 100 calorie packs are a great example. The individual packaging is good for teaching portion control. And, it also helps to drive home the idea that you don't have to deprive yourself. What you are doing is changing behaviors for life. So make changes gradually, and make sure you are comfortable before you try for more.

Other ideas to help keep motivation going:

Get Off On The Right Foot: Try to get a little exercise in the morning and eat a healthy breakfast. With those good choices under your belt, you have a better chance of making more throughout the day.

Keep Track of How Far You've Come: Weigh yourself once a week, measure yourself once a month. Make a little chart and record your numbers. Seeing your success is satisfying. Taking a picture of yourself every month is a nice record of change to have as well.

Reward Yourself: Create a system that works with your goals. Maybe buy yourself something new to wear when you lose ten pounds. The new size will make you happy, proud and confident.

I hope you can use these tips to keep your mind strong as you continue to work to make your body strong.

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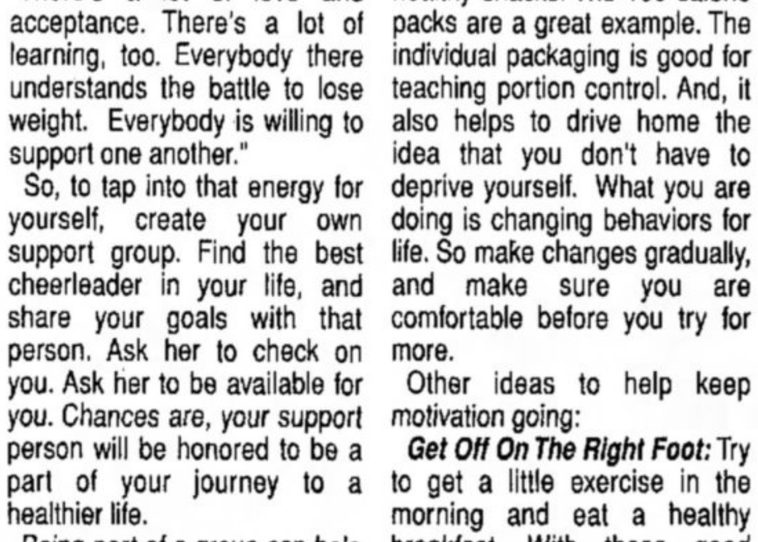

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Burress sees Giants victory

Former Steelers receiver Plaxico Burress says his Giants will beat the Patriots, 23-17, in the Super Bowl. **2B**

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SPORTS

Craft of the Week

Decorative painting can turn ordinary objects into works of art. **5B**

Playoff long shot

Charleroi fell into fifth place after losing Tuesday and now needs help to reach the post-season. **2B**

Sports Trivia

What two Super Bowl records does former Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw own? **2B**

Last night's scores

Phoenix 4, Columbus 2
Boston 3, Nashville 1
Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Ottawa 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Buffalo 4, Tampa Bay 2
Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 2

Hounds wilt in loss to Washington

Salvino: Team "panicked" late in 79-64 defeat.

By JEFF OLIVER
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WASHINGTON — The normally defensive-minded, deliberate Washington Prexies decided in Tuesday's second quarter to play an up-tempo style of basketball against Monessen.

The Prexies pretty much played Monessen's brand of basketball.

And as a result, the Greyhounds wilted in a 79-64 Class AA Section 5 defeat.

The loss snapped a nine-game winning streak for the Greyhounds and kept them from clinching the section title outright.

Monessen seemed to be controlling the physical game in the first half, holding a 26-20 lead midway through the second quarter. But Washington picked up the pace behind Tom Kelly.

Kelly, playing his final game on the Prexies' floor, scored 14 points in the second half as Washington (17-6, 10-3) tied the game 32-32 before intermission.

While Monessen (17-5, 12-1) managed to get the lead back to three points (50-47) after a 10-1 run in the third quarter, the Greyhounds weren't their normal selves.

Kelly kept scoring and the Prexies pulled away. When it was over, Kelly had a 30-point night — all coming after the first quarter — and Wash High had a 15-point win.

"We stopped playing defense and we relied too much on the perimeter shot," sighed Monessen coach Joe Salvino afterward. "The atmosphere got to us and we panicked. We panicked.

"That run they put on us at the end of the first half started it and we just went out of our game."

Salvino said once his team fell behind it started to shoot too many three-pointers, a few of which fell and helped give the Greyhounds the lead briefly in the third quarter. But the Greyhounds forgot all about getting the ball inside.

"When all you want to do is shoot three-pointers, it's not good," he said. "I don't think we had one post entry. Not one. That will change."

The Prexies took control of the game late in the third quarter and early in the fourth quarter, outscoring Monessen 17-4 to turn a 50-47 deficit into a 64-54 lead with six minutes to play.

After that, the Greyhounds closed to within six points twice, but in the end the hosts won going away.

Tim Tyree led Monessen with 20 points, but scored just two in the fourth quarter. Delmar Pritchett scored 13 points, all in the first half. Terrance Stepoli had 12 points, none in the fourth quarter. David Jeffries came off the bench to score 12 points, all in the second half.

Joining Kelly in double figures for Washington were Mark Wise and Nick Bryant with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Monessen's Tim Tyree drives between Washington's Jordan Anderson, left, and Nick Bryant.

Noting that his team had been on a hot run, Salvino said maybe a loss before the playoffs could turn out to be a good thing.

"Sometimes losing is good because it gives you a bad taste and the players will get a taste they do not want," he said. "Hopefully they will learn from this. Now we play Brownsville Friday and we have to beat them for the section title. We have to bounce back."

He paused and added one more thing, "I know we're going to go back and practice our offense. We need to remember how to get the ball inside."

NOTES: The physical play led to numerous fouls as each team lost one player to five fouls and the teams combined to shoot 68 free throws ... Pritchett was 10-for-12 at the foul line in the first half ... Washington made 12 of 16 free throws in the fourth quarter ... Monessen closes the season Friday at home against Brownsville in the second game of a girls-boys doubleheader. Monessen girls play Wilkinsburg in the 6 p.m. opener. The teams' seniors will be honored Friday as well.

Penguins win in New Jersey

Ryan Malone scores twice as Pittsburgh nabs key division game.

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — If you think the Pittsburgh Penguins are staring at the injured list more than the standings, think again.

They know Sidney Crosby won't be around for another month or so and that top goalie Marc-Andre Fleury isn't ready to return yet from a similar high ankle sprain.

Throw in the absences of Colby Armstrong (flu) and Tyler Kennedy (mononucleosis) and a pair of one-goal deficits, and it didn't seem likely the Penguins would have much of a chance to rally against the New Jersey Devils.

Guess again.

Ryan Malone scored two goals, Erik Christensen had a goal and assist during Pittsburgh's three-goal second period, and former Devils forward Petr Sykora had two assists to lift the Penguins to a 4-2 win over New Jersey on Tuesday night.

"It shows we don't give up," defenseman Ryan Whitney said. "I think we've got everyone doubting us in the whole hockey world right now. It's an honor and a privilege for us to play well. It's something we've got to go out and prove that we can do."

In the first game for both teams following the All-Star break, the Penguins defeated the Devils for the fifth straight time in New Jersey.

Jordan Staal got Pittsburgh even at 1 early in the second and Christensen and Malone struck less than 2 minutes apart to put the Penguins in front. Ty Conklin made 23 saves to improve to 11-2-2 since joining the team following Fleury's ankle injury in December.

Malone added a power-play goal 5:21 into the third to make it 4-2 for the Penguins, 2-1-1 since Crosby's injury. Pittsburgh passed the Devils into second place in the Atlantic Division, one point behind Philadelphia.

"It's big. It's a battle for the first spot even though there are a lot of games left," Malone said.

That sent the Devils to their fourth loss in six games, each defeat coming at home. The visiting team has won all five meetings this season with New Jersey taking three in Pittsburgh.

"It's huge. We had to get a win here," Whitney said. "We played a smart game and we got out of here with two points."

New Jersey, which played without captain Jamie Langenbrunner (flu), wasted the fourth career two-goal effort from

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Penguins goalie Ty Conklin deflects the puck with his stick in Tuesday's win over New Jersey.

forward Mike Rupp, who had no points in 35 games. Martin Brodeur stopped 23 shots.

Despite recording only 10 shots in the second, the Penguins went ahead. After Staal tied it 1-1 at 1:12 on Pittsburgh's first shot, Christensen and Malone beat Brodeur 1:32 apart to make it 3-2.

Maxime Talbot and Christensen teamed up for some one-handed magic, tying it at 14:41. Devils defenseman Johnny Oduya tried to send the puck behind the net but hit the side of the cage.

Talbot used one hand to sweep the puck in front to Christensen, who moved it to his backhand and used his long right-handed reach to poke it past Brodeur.

The disappointed crowd, sparse at best in the Prudential Center, still buzzed when the Devils fell behind with 3:47 left. Evgeni Malkin passed the puck behind the net to Sykora, who sent the puck off Brodeur's stick to Malone for a quick shot that made it 3-2.

"That's the way we know we have to play especially at the end of the year when you're going to get a lot of these tight, close games in the division," Conklin said. "It was a good way for us to start the stretch drive."

Rupp had put the Devils ahead 2-1 with his 23rd NHL goal 52 seconds before Christensen's goal.

BVA grabs OT win

Dudzinski's jumper wraps up 75-73 victory and section title.

By JEREMY SELLEW
For the Valley Independent

FORWARD TOWNSHIP — Things weren't going as well as Belle Vernon Area coach John Dudzinski would have liked Tuesday when his Leopards visited Elizabeth Forward for their Class AAA Section 5 tussle.

Turnovers, poor shot selection and poor foul shooting were a few of the reasons it looked like it was going to be a long night. Little did he know it was going to take a little more than 32 minutes for his Leopards and the Warriors to settle things on the court.

When the dust settled and both teams were done landing punch after punch, it was Jacob Dudzinski who delivered the knockout blow, hitting a 15-foot jumper with 1.7 seconds remaining in the second overtime period giving the Leopards a 75-73 win.

"He sure has learned after the past couple years how to pull up on that jumper," the elder Dudzinski said. "Everyone plays him to drive to the basket now, but he has matured into a complete guard."

Dudzinski led the Leps with a game-high 24 points, but struggled from the free throw line, hitting only six of 14 attempts.

Each of the underclassmen in the Leps' starting lineup enjoyed big games of their own. Sophomores Josh Pohlot and Cory Williams each hit for a double-double. Pohlot had14 points and 11 boards, while Williams chipped in 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Not to be outdone, freshman Bo Lustig added 13 points which included three splashes from behind the arc.

"Bo came up big again and Cory did a great job rebounding," Dudzinski said. "It's not just Jacob, it's a total team effort. Somebody always does something to make sure we come out winning. You have to be happy with that."

With the win, the Leopards (17-5, 8-1)

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Cal shoots down Rockets

Win gives Trojans second straight unbeaten season at home.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

CALIFORNIA — The beat goes on for the California Trojans.

With their easy 62-34 Class A Section 2 win over Jefferson Morgan Tuesday night, the Trojans (15-4, 9-0) continued some impressive streaks:

- They completed their second consecutive undefeated season at home. Their last home loss was to Geibel (57-56) Feb. 10, 2006.
- The win was their 17th straight on their court, dating back to the Geibel defeat.
- For the 19th straight section contest, the Trojans walked out victorious, dating back to their last Geibel loss.

So who does California face Friday in its regular season and section finale?

You guessed it. Geibel.

But instead of looking ahead, California coach Phil Pergola looked back on his team's blowout win.

"We still have things to work on," Pergola said. "Our press is one. We do it well in practice, but we haven't been doing it well in the games."

California had 10 players score in a balanced attack that saw Donte Valentino (15 points) and Travis VanOlst (13) hit double figures.

Ben Carson (nine) and John Tyler (seven) were next in line for the Trojans while Mike Mox paced Jefferson Morgan (5-17, 1-8) with 11 points.

The Trojans came out methodical in the first half leading 29-19 on a last second offensive rebound and put back by Andy Booth.

"We have been playing slow," Pergola said. "We need to pick it back up, and we also need to start shooting the ball better."

The Trojans finished a dismal two for 16 from three-point territory.

California blew open its 10-point halftime lead with a 15-2 run which was capped by a Cody Joseph lay-up with 1:32 to go in the third quarter.

The Rockets never threatened again and Pergola was able to get 13 kids playing time.

Pergola was happy with what he saw defensively.

"We played pretty good defense," he said. "We switch around to cause confusion because we play numerous defenses well."

Valentino added seven assists while Jeremy Shen grabbed 11 rebounds.

SPORTS

Cougars slip in playoff race

The Charleroi High boys' basketball team still has a shot at making the WPIAL Class AA playoffs.

To get in, the Cougars are going to have to upset second-place Washington in the Cougars' home finale and Brownsville will have to lose at front-running Monessen Friday.

The Cougars slipped into fifth place with a 57-41 loss at third-place Burgettstown Tuesday while Brownsville rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to down Beth-Center, 56-51.

Charleroi (11-11, 6-7) jumped out to an 11-5 first quarter lead before being outscored 33-13 in the next 16 minutes.

Burgettstown (16-5, 9-4) broke a 19-19 halftime deadlock by outscoring the Cougars, 19-5, in the third quarter.

Ethan Hank (12) and Chad Pappasergi (10) looked best for Charleroi, while sophomore Kevin Bilecki came off the bench to spark the Blue Devils with 14 points.

In Class AAA Section 4, second-place Keystone Oaks stretched a 12-6 first quarter lead to 45-21 by exploding for 33 points in the second quarter.

R.J. Brownlee poured in a game-high 25 points for the visiting Rams (7-16, 4-5) with Jim Taylor's 17 points leading the Golden Eagles (13-9, 8-1).

Ringgold is home with South Park (9-12, 4-5) Friday with the winner finishing third and the loser fourth.

In Class AAA Section 5, Yough was a 49-42 loser to Steel Valley in it home finale.

Ben Hoffer and Adam Matvya both had 13 points for the Cougars (7-14, 3-6).

In Class A Section 3, Bentworth and Frazier were both losers.

Bentworth slipped into third place with a 62-58 defeat at Avella with the Eagles avenging a 64-55 defeat.

Jon Kennedy (22) and Joe Kennedy(19) were high for the Bearcats (13-7, 7-4), who've lost three in a row.

Frazier bowed to Clairton, 70-48, to remain winless in the section.,

Frank Bartolomucci (18) and Derek Miller (17) looked best for the Commodores (2-18, 0-1) with Demetrius Rochelle pouring in 30 points for Clairton (11-8, 8-3).

Burress forecasts win

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Plaxico Burress looked through his wraparound shades and pointed to two choice midfield seats at Phoenix Stadium.

"If my mom and her were living now, they would probably be sitting in that first row right there, seats 15 and 16," the New York Giants' big-play receiver said. "They would have the best seats in the house."

And watching his every move, no doubt, in Sunday's Super Bowl against the New England Patriots.

The words from Burress' heart said a lot about the women who shaped his life, particularly his grandmother, Louise Elliott, whom he honored by wearing a special T-shirt under his jersey during games at Michigan State.

"My grandma was sort of a rock," Burress said. "Everyone leaned on her. She was a quiet one who walked with swagger though, walked with a swagger. I think my mom got a lot from her. I think I learned from them a quite confidence."

Throughout his college and pro careers that confidence has crossed the line at times.

Burress has never been afraid to speak his mind, and Tuesday was no exception.

Five days before the biggest game of his career, Burress predicted that the Giants would spoil the Patriots' bid for a perfect season with a 23-17 win.

"It was the first thing that came into my mind," said Burress, sporting bling galore — a diamond in each ear, a silver cross hanging from his neck and a huge gold watch wrapped around his wrist.

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SPORTS DIGEST

Canon-McMillan ousts Ringgold

Ringgold's wrestlers bowed out of the WPIAL Class AAA Team Tournament with a 46-24 first round loss at second-seed Canon-McMillan Tuesday.

Dean Mathies (112) and Todd Miller (189) had pins for the Rams (15-9), who were making their first post-season appearance since 2000.

Canon-McMillan followed with a 44-24 second-round win over Albert Gallatin to advance to Thursday's semifinals against Connellsville at Trinity.

Charleroi, Yough basketball winners

Charleroi and Yough were winners in non-section girls' basketball games Tuesday.

The trio of Makayla Neff (14), Aly Lee (13) and Jen Samoda (11) combined for 38 points as Charleroi routed winless Frazier, 63-33.

Yough snapped a five-game losing skid and avenged a 17-point defeat in a 59-30 romp at Bentworth behind Allison Saccani's 21 points.

BVA swimmers split with Raiders

Belle Vernon Area's swimmers split with Uniontown.

The Leps were an 86-71 winner with the Lady Leps bowing 89-79.

Taking firsts for the Leps were Zachary Wardle (200 freestyle and 100 fly), Aaron Mikula (200 individual medley), Andre Maldonado (100 freestyle), Brendan Lacey (500 freestyle), Cory Wyke (100 backstroke), the 200 medley relay team of Maldonado, Adam Hamill, Mikula and Chris McConnell and the 200 freestyle relay team of Maldonado, Jay Lewis, Wardle and Lacey.

Winning for the Lady Leps were Sydney Rusak (200 individual medley), Megan Russell (100 breaststroke) and the 400 freestyle relay team of Melanie Omasta, Ashley Bronakowski, Rusak and Mary Wardle.

Ringgold swimmers down Charleroi

Ringgold's girls swimmers downed Charleroi, 74-52.

Taking firsts for the Lady Rams were Sarah Weeks (200 freestyle and 100 fly), Jehna Lander (200 individual medley), Loren Cortopassi (500 freestyle), Sarah McMahon (100 breast-stroke), th 200 medley relay team of Lander, McMahon, Weeks and Sarah Criss and the 400 freestyle relay team of Criss, Lander, McMahon and Weeks.

Ringgold beats Connellsville West

Ringgold's ninth grade basketball team plays at Monessen today after beating Connellsville West, 58-36, behind Dylan Patch's 14 points to lift the Little Rams' record to 10-4.

Jessica Beveridge a senior, too

In a story that ran in Tuesday's newspaper, the names of Monessen's senior girls' basketball players were listed.

Jessica Beveridge is also a senior and her name was omitted. She will be honored along with the team's other seniors on Friday for Senior Night.

Trivia answer

Highest average career gain with over 40 attempts at 11.10 (84 completions for 932 yards) and highest average gain per game with 20 attempts at 14.71 (21 for 309 yards against Los Angeles in XIV).

BVA (FROM PAGE ONE)

can officially call themselves Section 5 champs, but the Warriors (5-17, 1-8) made sure it wasn't going to be an easy accomplishment.

Jared Cunning led the Warriors, scoring 14 of his team-high 22 points in the fourth quarter and the overtime periods.

Ryan Styche (16 points) and Casey Gibbons (14 points) nailed four three-pointers apiece and junior-forward Jordan Austin notched 13 points.

Both teams exchanged the lead throughout the game, with Cunning giving his team a one-point halftime lead when he stole an errant Leopard pass and beat the buzzer with a lay-up to make the score 26-25 in favor of the Warriors.

The buzzer-beating theme became evident in the third quarter again as both teams exchanged baskets and the lead over the last 2:20. The Leps' Ethan Cieply banked home a runner as the buzzer sounded giving his squad a 40-39 lead.

The Leps stretched their lead to seven points midway through the fourth quarter, but an 11-3 Warrior run fueled by two Styche treys gave them back the lead at 50-49.

With the Leps trailing 52-51 with 30 seconds remaining, it was senior John Naylor taking his turn for the Leopards, nailing a three from the left wing putting them in front 54-52. However, the Leps defense couldn't hold it, as Cunning sliced through the defense and scored with under 10 seconds remaining to send the game into overtime.

"Jared wanted the ball and made play after play," Warriors coach Mike Mihalov said of his senior guard.

In the first extra frame, neither team led by more than a basket. With the Leps trailing 60-59, Williams nailed a three to give the Leps a two point lead. After the Warriors answered, a Pohlot tip-in gave the Leps a two-point lead. The Leps had a chance to make it a two possession game with less than a minute to go, but Dudzinski missed two free throws, allowing another Cunning basket to send to game into the second overtime tied at 64.

Early in the second overtime, a Gibbons three-pointer gave the Warriors a 67-66 lead, but Dudzinski answered back with a three of his own and the teams swapped the lead again throughout the period.

With the Warriors up by a point, Dudzinski knocked down one of two free throws tying the score at 73. Elizabeth Forward looked to answer immediately and drove the ball to the hoop, but the 6-foot-5 Naylor got his hands on the ball and wouldn't let the shot get up, forcing a jump-ball which gave the ball to the Leps with 26 seconds to go.

Dudzinski and the Leopard guards successfully played keep away until Dudzinski found a lane and penetrated into the high-post ... letting his game-winner fly with 1.7 seconds remaining.

"We defended it perfect and had a hand in his face, but to Dudzinski's credit he made a good shot," Mihalov said.

The Leps resume tonight with an exhibition game at Frazier and then finish the regular season at home Friday against Yough.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Donora's Ken Griffey was on hand to honor the Pittsburgh Steelers' Franco Harris as Pittsburgh's "Man of the Year" at the Dapper Dan Banquet.

Robbie Uhlman scored 17 points in Charleroi's 71-66 win over Laurel Highlands.

20 Years Ago

Sophomore Yancey Taylor scored 26 points in Ringgold's 67-52 win over Belle Vernon Area.

Monessen downed Charleroi, 84-56, behind Jimbo Malinchak's 25 points.

Dave Haller had 17 points in Mon Valley Catholic's 74-57 loss to Clairton.

10 Years Ago

Jessica Hughes scored 18 points in Belle Vernon Area's 49-47 overtime win over Yough.

Nicole Naccarato and Cara Gagatko both had 14 points in Monessen's 53-41 victory at Mapletown.

Shavonne Stewart's nine points were high in Ringgold's 49-16 romp over Albert Gallatin.

Alicia Telega and Amanda Malush both had 10 points in Charleroi's 43-39 loss to Beth-Center.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	28	16	5	61	163	140
Pittsburgh	28	18	4	60	147	135
New Jersey	28	19	3	59	127	119
N.Y. Islanders	24	21	6	54	126	146
N.Y. Rangers	24	22	6	54	125	132

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	32	15	4	68	179	147
Montreal	27	15	8	62	158	136
Boston	26	19	5	57	132	134
Buffalo	22	21	6	50	146	141
Toronto	20	24	8	48	144	167

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	25	24	4	54	161	171
Washington	23	23	5	51	147	160
Atlanta	23	25	4	50	141	175
Florida	22	24	5	49	130	147
Tampa Bay	20	26	5	45	147	172

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	37	10	4	78	174	110
Columbus	25	21	6	56	130	130
Nashville	25	21	5	55	147	141
St. Louis	23	19	7	53	126	138
Chicago	23	23	4	50	139	143

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	28	19	3	59	138	138
Calgary	25	17	8	58	146	143
Vancouver	26	20	5	57	134	125
Colorado	26	20	4	56	138	138
Edmonton	23	25	5	51	140	161

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	29	20	5	63	158	141
San Jose	28	15	7	63	132	119
Anaheim	27	20	6	60	135	137
Phoenix	27	21	2	56	139	136
Los Angeles	20	29	3	43	145	172

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix 4, Columbus 2
Boston 3, Nashville 1
Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Ottawa 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Buffalo 4, Tampa Bay 2
Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 2
Philadelphia 3, Los Angeles 2, OT
St. Louis 3, Toronto 2
Montreal 4, Washington 0
San Jose 3, Edmonton 0
Dallas 4, Vancouver 3

Today's Games

Anaheim at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

Penguins summary

Pittsburgh	0	3	1	— 4
New Jersey	1	1	0	— 2

First Period—1, New Jersey, Rupp 1 (Zubrus, Elias), 8:54 (pp). Penalties—Staal, Pit (high-sticking), 6:56; Ruutu, Pit (interference), 17:30.

Second Period—2, Pittsburgh, Staal 6 (Christensen, Talbot), 1:12. 3, New Jersey, Rupp 2 (Pelley), 13:49. 4, Pittsburgh, Christensen 7 (Talbot), 14:41. 5, Pittsburgh, Malone 12 (Sykora, Malkin), 16:13. Penalties—Asham, NJ (elbowing), 10:31; Gionta, NJ (boarding), 17:24.

Third Period—6, Pittsburgh, Malone 13 (Sykora, Gonchar), 5:21 (pp). Penalties—Brylin, NJ (hooking), 3:52; Parise, NJ (holding stick), 7:21; Talbot, Pit (slashing), 8:17.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 8-10-9—27. New Jersey 11-9-5—25.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 4; New Jersey 1 of 3.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Conklin 11-2-2 (25 shots-23 saves). New Jersey, Brodeur 26-17-2 (27-23).

A—13,595 (17,625). T—2:18.

Referees—Bill McCreary, Dean Warren. Linesmen—Derek Amell, Tim Nowak.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	26	1	0	52
Wooster	14	10	2	30
Mon Valley	10	14	3	23
Jamestown	11	17	0	22
Valley Forge	7	19	2	16

Today

Wooster at Indiana

Thursday

Wooster at Jamestown

Friday

Indiana at Jamestown

Saturday

Valley Forge at Wooster, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Mon Valley, 7:30 pm

Sunday

Mon Valley at Valley Forge
Jamestown at Wooster

College basketball

MEN

EAST

Loyola, Md. 72, N.J. Tech 54
Ohio St. 68, Penn St. 56
W. Michigan 100, Buffalo 90, 20T

SOUTH

E. Kentucky 74, Tenn.-Martin 60
G. Mason 63, Va. Commonwealth 51
Kennesaw St. 79, Savannah St. 77
Morehead St. 80, Tennessee Tech 68
Murray St. 62, Samford 34
Tennessee 93, Alabama 86
Tennessee St. 88, Jacksonville St. 77
Virginia Tech 89, Florida St. 80
Wake Forest 70, Miami 68

MIDWEST

Iowa St. 57, Colorado 41
Marquette 62, South Florida 54
Ohio 62, Cent. Michigan 47
S. Illinois 59, Evansville 39
SE Missouri 121, Austin Peay 116, 3OT
Wichita St. 70, Missouri St. 62, OT

FAR WEST

San Diego St. 83, Colorado St. 82
San Jose St. 71, CS Bakersfield 56

WOMEN

EAST

George Washington 81, Dayton 73
Hartford 70, Stony Brook 55
St. John's 77, Seton Hall 71
West Virginia 63, Rutgers 54

SOUTH

Charleston Southern 74, UNC Asheville 61
Davidson 74, Furman 59
Liberty 76, High Point 57

MIDWEST

Akron 70, Cent. Michigan 69
Miami (Ohio) 81, E. Michigan 70
Syracuse 69, DePaul 66

SOUTHWEST

Texas A&M 62, Missouri 43

FAR WEST

TCU 66, UNLV 38

LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers will face the Portland Trail Blazers at 9 p.m. on ESPN.

Wednesday sports dial

Today

Television

7 p.m. - ESPN - Virginia at Maryland, college basketball.

7 p.m. - ESPNU - Villanova at Pitt, college basketball.

7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Cincinnati at West Virginia, college basketball.

7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pittsburgh at Atlanta, hockey.

7 p.m. - Versus - Anaheim at Minnesota, hockey.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Cleveland at Portland, pro basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN2 - Texas at Texas A&M, college basketball.

9:30 p.m. - Versus - Chicago at Colorado, hockey.

Radio

7 p.m. - KQV (1410) - Massachusetts at Duquesne, college basketball.

7 p.m. - WWSW (94.5 FM) WBGG (970) - Villanova at Pitt, college basketball.

7 p.m. - WXDX (105.9 FM) - Pittsburgh at Atlanta, hockey.

Latest Line

BEST BET: New Orleans is the hottest team in the league going 9-0 straight-up and vs. the spread its last nine games and winning by an average score of 107-87. The Hornets are also 17-2 straight-up and vs. the spread their last 19 games overall. Golden State is 0-4 straight-up and 1-3 vs. the spread its last four games as an underdog of 8 1/2 or more points. Take New Orleans -8 1/2 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb 3		
Super Bowl XLII		
University of Phoenix		
Stadium-Glendale, AZ.		
New England	12 (54)	NY Giants

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
ORLANDO	12	Miami
TORONTO	5 1/2	Washington
PHILADELPHIA	7	Milwaukee
Denver	2	MEMPHIS
MINNESOTA	2 1/2	Chicago
NEW ORLEANS	8 1/2	Golden State
PORTLAND	3	Cleveland
UTAH	12	New York
SACRAMENTO	6 1/2	Charlotte
LA CLIPPERS	2	Atlanta

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
PURDUE	12	Iowa
CENTRAL FLA	3	Ala-Birmingham
DUQUESNE	5 1/2	Massachusetts
Georgetown	9	ST. JOHN'S
MARYLAND	7 1/2	Virginia
RH. ISLAND	16	Richmond
PITTSBURGH	7 1/2	Villanova
TOWSON ST	3	Hofstra
OLD DOMIN.	9	NC Wilmington
AKRON	15 1/2	Toledo
BALL STATE	5	Bowling Green
DAYTON	8 1/2	St. Louis
Kent State	4	E. MICHIGAN
New Orleans	1 1/2	FLA ATLANTIC
MARSHALL	2	Tulsa
J. MADISON	5	William & Mary
W. VIRGINIA	14	Cincinnati
DELAWARE	4 1/2	Northeastern
LA SALLE	10	St. Bonaventure
St. Joseph's	7	G. WASHINGTON
Nevada LV	3 1/2	TCU
S. CAROLINA	3 1/2	Georgia
GEORGIA ST	4	Drexel
BRADLEY	7	Indiana State
N. IOWA	2 1/2	Illinois State
DRAKE	3 1/2	Creighton
MISSOURI	8	Nebraska
Miami-Ohio	5	N. ILLINOIS
AUBURN	7	Lsu
MISSISSIPPI	5 1/2	Vanderbilt
Memphis	10	HOUSTON
Kansas	8	KANSAS STATE
ARKANSAS	3	Mississippi St
Syracuse	1	DEPAUL
TEX. EL PASO	6	Southern Miss
MICHIGAN ST	10	Illinois
Byu	4	AIR FORCE
Seton Hall	1 1/2	RUTGERS
TEXAS A&M	3	Texas
Cal S. Barbara	9	CAL RIVERSIDE
UTAH	15 1/2	Wyoming
DAVIDSON	20	Wofford
FURMAN	10	The Citadel
MARIST	4 1/2	Rider
x-Iona	2 1/2	MANHATTAN

x-at Madison Square Garden

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
ATLANTA	Even-1/2	Pittsburgh
MINNESOTA	Even-1/2	Anaheim
DETROIT	1 1/2-2	Phoenix
FLORIDA	Even-1/2	Buffalo
CALGARY	Even-1/2	San Jose
COLORADO	1/2-1	Chicago

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	9	0	21	1
Keystone Oaks	8	1	13	9
Ringgold	4	5	7	16
South Park	4	5	9	12
Trinity	2	7	5	15
McGuffey	0	9	3	17

Tuesday

Keystone Oaks 85, Ringgold 50
Chartiers Valley 74, McGuffey34
South Park 54, Trinity 49

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	8	1	17	5
Steel Valley	6	3	14	5
Thomas Jefferson	5	4	7	12
West Mifflin	4	5	9	10
Yough	3	6	7	14
Elizabeth Forward	1	8	5	17

Tuesday

Belle Vernon Area 75, Elizabeth Forward 73
Steel Valley 49, Yough 42
Thomas Jefferson 58, West Mifflin 40

Today

Belle Vernon Area at Frazier

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	12	1	17	5
Washington	11	2	17	6
Burgettstown	9	4	16	5
Brownsville	7	6	11	12
Charleroi	6	7	11	11
C-Houston	6	7	12	10
Waynesburg	1	12	3	18
Beth-Center	0	13	3	20

Tuesday

Washington 79, Monessen 64
Burgettstown 57, Charleroi 41
Brownsville 56, Beth-Center 51
C-Houston 54, Waynesburg 51

Today

Avella at Burgettstown
Waynesburg at Carmichaels

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	9	0	15	4
Carmichaels	7	2	15	4
Geibel	4	5	5	13
Mapletown	5	4	12	10
Jeff-Morgan	1	8	5	17
West Greene	1	8	2	15

Tuesday

California 62, Jeff-Morgan 34
Carmichaels 64, Geibel 33
Mapletown 56, West Greene 30

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	11	0	20	1
Clairton	8	3	11	8
Bentworth	7	4	13	7
Cornell	5	6	11	9
Sacred Heart	5	6	7	15
Avella	3	9	9	13
Frazier	0	11	2	18

Tuesday

Avella 62, Bentworth 58
Clairton 70, Frazier 48
Serra 79, Cornell 44

High school girls' standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	8	1	16	6
Chartiers Valley	8	1	15	6
West Allegheny	6	3	11	10
Keystone Oaks	3	6	6	14
McGuffey	2	7	7	14
Waynesburg	0	9	4	16

Today

Chartiers Valley at Seneca Valley
Waynesburg at Carmichaels

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	9	0	19	3
Elizabeth Forward	7	2	19	4
Thomas Jefferson	6	3	10	11
Steel Valley	3	6	10	11
Belle Vernon Area	2	7	5	17
Yough	0	9	8	15

Tuesday

Yough 59, Bentworth 30

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	11	0	21	1
Beth-Center	7	4	14	7
Charleroi	7	4	13	10
Brownsville	7	5	15	8
Bentworth	5	6	11	11
C-Houston	1	10	5	18
Burgettstown	1	10	4	19

Tuesday

Charleroi 63, Frazier 33

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	9	0	16	5
Carmichaels	7	2	11	10
Mapletown	5	4	12	6
California	4	5	8	12
West Greene	1	8	1	20
Jeff-Morgan	1	8	3	19

Tuesday

Mapletown 45, West Greene 21
Geibel 50, Beth-Center 37

Today

Mapletown at Cornell

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	10	0	22	0
Serra	7	2	13	5
Clairton	5	4	9	7
Avella	4	5	10	9
Trinity Christian	2	8	5	15
Frazier	0	9	0	22

Wrestling

C-McMillan 46, Ringgold 24

103 - Fafalios, R; won by forfeit.

112 - D. Mathies, R; pinned Mrosek, :56.

119 - Schram, CM; pinned Arbes, 1:51.

125 - Catalon, CM; pinned A. Duda, :32.

130 - B. Duda, R; dec. Lombardo, 4-2.

135 - Pihlou, CM; major dec. over Vibostak, 9-0.

140 - Johnston, CM; pinned I. Mathies, 2:33.

145 - Ennis, CM; dec. Tokar, 5-1.

152 - Ryan, CM; pinned Rands, 1:32.

160 - Totterdale, CM; dec. Brown, 8-7.

171- Garca, R; dec. Sumner, 4-3.

189 - Miller, R; pinned Pizzuti, :55.

215 - Hull, CM; pinned Sloan, :59.

Hvy - Brownlee, CM; pinned Johnston, 3:13.

High school basketball lineups

BOYS

Washington - 79

Kelly, 9-9-30; Floyd, 1-4-6; Wise, 6-3-15; Wilson, 1-4-6; Bryant, 6-2-14; Anderson, 3-0-6; Ellis, 1-0-2. Totals: FG-27, F-22(31), T-79.

Monessen - 64

Tyree, 7-5-22; Stepoli, 5-0-12; Wall, 0-0-0; Brandemarte, 0-0-0; Pritchett, 1-10-13; Parker, 0-2-2; Jeffries, 4-3-12; Minnie, 0-3-3. Totals: FG-17, F-23(36), T-64.

Score by quarters:

Monessen	13	19	22	10 -	64
Washington	10	22	25	22 -	79

Three-pointers: Mon - Tyree 3, Stepoli 2, Jeffries, Pritchett; Wash - Kelly 3.

Belle Vernon Area - 75

Dudzinski, 8-6-24; Pohlot, 7-0-14; Williams, 5-0-11; Lustig, 4-2-13; Naylor, 3-1-9; Pawlak, 1-0-2; Cieply, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 24, F - 9(20), T - 75.

Elizabeth Forward - 73

Cunning, 11-0-22; Giansante, 3-0-6; Gibbons, 5-0-14; Austin, 6-1-13; Styche, 6-0-16; LaVelle, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 32, F - 1(3), T - 73.

Score by quarters:

BVA	16	9	15	14	10	11 -	75
EF	12	14	13	15	10	9 -	73

Three pointers : BVA - Lustig 3, Dudzinski 2, Naylor 2, Williams; EF - Styche 4, Gibbons 4.

California - 62

Valentino, 6-3-15; Tr. VanOlst, 4-5-13; Carson, 3-2-9; Michaux, 2-0-5; Shen, 2-0-4; Tyler, 3-1-7; Wright, 0-0-0; Booth, 1-0-2; Ty. VanOlst, 0-0-0; Joseph, 2-0-4; Balla, 0-1-1; Martinak, 0-0-0; Clements, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 24, F - 12 (22), T - 62.

Jefferson Morgan - 34.

Mox, 5-0-11; Montibellar, 1-0-2; Falcon, 1-0-3; Edwards, 1-0-2; Pust, 3-0-6; DeHaas, 1-1-3; Moskole, 0-2-2; Liubien, 1-1-3; Shinkowic, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 14, F - 4 (5) , T -34.

Score by quarters:

Jeff. Morgan	8	11	6	9 -	34
California	15	14	18	15 -	62

Three-pointers: California- Carson, Michaux. Jeff-Morgan - Mox, Falcon.

Keystone Oaks - 85

Bellovich, 6-2-14; Janota, 3-2-10; Du. Hartung, 5-1-14; Hart, 4-2-10; Taylor, 7-1-17; Hans, 1-0-3; McCann, 1-0-2; Da. Hartung, 2-0-6;Seden, 3-0-6; Sarsfield, 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 33, F - 9(9), T - 85.

Ringgold - 50

Bekavac, 4-0-12; Brownlee, 9-4-25; Bassi, 1-=0-3; Mountain, 0-2-2; Patch, 0-0-0; Smith, 1-0-2; Madar, 1-0-2; Yost, 2-0-3; Resanovich, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 18, F - 8 (12), T - 50.

Score by quarters:

Ringgold	6	15	17	12 -	50
Keystone Oaks	12	33	12	28 -	85

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Brownlee 3, Bekavac 2, Bassi.Keystone Oaks - Du. Hartung 3, Da. Hartung 2, Taylor 2, Janota 2, Sarsfield, Hans.

Burgettstown - 57

Bongiorno, 6-1-13; Pavan, 5-0-13; Tasz, 1-0-2; Goetz, 0-1-1; Restanio, 0-0-0; Beretolotti, 1-0-2; Skinner, 4-0-12; Bielecki, 4-6-14. Totals: FG - 21, F - 8 (11), T - 57.

Charleroi - 41

Hank, 4-3-12; DiPiazza, 1-0-2; Obade, 3-1-7; Pappasergi, 4-0-10; Andrisko, 2-0-5; Bell, 2-0-5; Anderson, 0-0-0; Strelick, 0-0-0; Hooks, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 16, FG - 4 (9), T - 41.

Score by quarters:

Charleroi	11	8	5	17 -	41
Burgettstown	5	14	19	19 -	57

Three-pointers: Charleroi - Pappasergi 2, Hank, Andrisko, Bell. Burgettstown - Skinner 4, Pavan 3.

Avella - 62

Heckman, 6-2-16; Fernbaugh, 4-0-8; Klem, 7-3-18; Bracken, 3-7-13; Carlise, 2-1-5; Gottardi, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 23, F - 13 (20), T - 62.

Bentworth - 58

Jon Kennedy, 8-2-22; Joe Kennedy, 8-2-19; Selvoski, 3-3-9; Roman, 1-0-2; Sevcik, 1-0-2; Jansante, 1-0-2; Hoye, 1-0-2. Totals; FG - 23, F - 11 (16), T - 58.

Score by quarters:

Bentworth	20	15	16	7 -	58
Avella	18	16	15	13 -	62

Three-pointers: Bentworth - Joe Kennedy. Avella - Heckman 2, Klem.

Clairton - 70

Johnson, 5-2-12; Rochelle, 12-5-30; Weatherspoon, 1-0-2; Thompson, 5-1-11; Greene, 2-1-5; Meade, 1-1-3; James, 2-0-4; Howard, 0-1-1; Schely, 1-0-2. Totals; FG - 29, F - 11 (18), T - 70.

Frazier - 48

Miller, 6-4-17; Keebler, 1-3-5; Barttolomucci, 8-2-18; Rock, 1-0-2; Smith, 1-2-4; Rebovich, 1-0-2. Totals; FG - 18, F - 11 (20), T - 48.

Score by quarters:

Clairton	20	12	17	21 -	70
Frazier	17	8	7	15 -	48

Three-pointers: Frazier -Miller, Clairton - Rochelle.

GIRLS

Charleroi - 63

Neff, 5-4-14; Lee, 5-0-13; Sidary, 2-0-4; Shannon, 1-0-2; Samoda, 5-1-11; Collins, 1-1-3; Tarpley, 3-0-7; Mudrick, 2-0-4; Iacovino, 2-1-5. Totals: FG - 26, F - 7 (29), T - 63.

Frazier - 33

Fisher, 5-1-11; Ellis, 4-0-8; Gardner, 1-2-4; Keebler, 0-2-2; Howser, 2-0-4;Wilson, 1-2-4. Totals: FG - 13, F - 7 (11),T - 33.

Score by quarters:

Charleroi	13	15	20	15 -	63
Frazier	7	4	11	11 -	33

Three-pointers: Charleroi -Lee 3, Tarpley.

Yough - 59

Saccani, 9-3-21; Shupe, 4-0-10; Rossi, 3-0-6; Gilkey, 1-1-3; Sedunov, 1-0-2; Moore, 4-1-11; Mitchell, 3-0-6. Totals: FG - 25, F - 5 (16), T - 59.

Bentworth - 30

Hamstra, 2-1-5; Speed, 1-1-3; Kennedy, 5-1-11; Robker, 1-1-4; Marshalek,1-0-2; Ritzer, 1-0-2; Dorazio, 1-0-2; Dziak, 0-1-1. Totals: FG - 12, F - 5 (12),T - 30.

Score by quarters:

Yough	12	16	20	7 -	59
Bentworth	6	7	14	3 -	30

Tgree-pointers: Yough - Shupe 2, Moore 2. Bentworth - Robker.

High school scores

BOYS

Aliquippa 75, South Side Beaver 49
Avella 62, Bentworth 58
Beaver Falls 73, Quaker Valley 57
Belle Vernon Area 75, Elizabeth Forward 73
Bethel Park 49, Mt. Lebanon 46
Canevin 61, South Fayette 52
Blackhawk 65, Beaver 27
Brentwood 63, Fort Cherry 55
Brownsville 56, Beth-Center 51
Burgettstown 57, Charleroi 41
California 62, Jefferson-Morgan 34
Carlynton 56, Sto-Rox 46
Carmichaels 64, Geibel 33
Center 74, Freedom 41
Chartiers Valley 74, McGuffey 34
Ch.-Houston 54, Waynesburg 51
Clairton 70, Frazier 48
Fox Chapel 67, Penn Hills 48
Freeport 41, Burrell 27
Greensburg Central 52, Ford City 47
Greens.Salem 58, Mt. Pleasant 39
Highlands 70, Hampton 64
Hopewell 52, Montour 49
Indiana 73, Mars 71
Jeannette 77, Apollo-Ridge 33
Keystone Oaks 85, Ringgold 50
Latrobe 89, Kiski Area 59
Laurel 68, Rochester 62
Laurel Highlands 64, Derry Area 61
Leechburg 60, Trinity Christian 41
Mapletown 56, West Greene 30
McKeesport 51, Central Catholic 47
Monaca 67, Western Beaver 54
Moon 56, Peters Township 54
Neshannock 55, Shenango 52
North Allegheny 63, Butler 48
North Catholic 62, Deer Lakes 37
Northgate 45, Riverview 30
Norwin 81, Albert Gallatin 43
Pine-Richland 40, North Hills 39
Plum 67, Woodland Hills 49
Riverside 60, New Brighton 49
Seneca Valley 56, Shaler 40
Serra Catholic 79, Cornell 44
Seton-LaSalle 78, Avonworth 55
South Park 54, Trinity 49
Springdale 53, South Allegheny 51
Steel Valley 49, Yough 42
Summit Academy 66, Mohawk 46
Thomas Jefferson 58, W. Mifflin 40
Union 71, Lincoln Park 69
Uniontown 70, Southmoreland 39
Valley 76, Knoch 56
Vincentian Academy 69, Quigley 49
Washington 79, Monessen 64
West Allegheny 63, Ambridge 56
W. Shamokin 64, East Allegheny 47
Westmoreland Christian 54, Elderton 34
Wilkinsburg 77, St. Joseph 67

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	3	0	13	4
California	3	0	12	4
IUP	2	1	10	8
Clarion	2	2	10	8
Slippery Rock	1	2	3	14
Lock Haven	1	3	1	17
Shippensburg	0	4	6	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Kutztown	4	0	12	5
Cheyney	3	1	10	6
E. Stroudsburg	2	1	13	4
Millersville	2	1	13	5
West Chester	1	2	9	8
Mansfield	0	3	12	6
Bloomsburg	0	4	8	10

Today

Bloomsburg at West Chester
California at Slippery Rock
Millersville at Cheyney
Clarion at Edinboro
E. Stroudsburg at Mansfield
Shippensburg at IUP
Kutztown at District of Columbia

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	3	0	18	1
California	3	0	16	2
Shippensburg	2	2	14	5
Clarion	2	2	12	6
Edinboro	1	2	11	6
Slippery Rock	1	2	7	11
Lock Haven	0	4	5	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	3	0	13	4
East Stroudsburg	2	0	8	8
West Chester	1	1	9	7
Kutzown	1	2	8	10
Bloomsburg	1	2	5	12
Cheyney	1	2	4	12
Mansfield	0	2	5	12

Today

Bloomsburg at West Chester
California at Slippery Rock
Millersville at Cheyney
Clarion at Edinboro
E. Stroudsburg at Mansfield
Shippensburg at IUP

Men's basketball Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. Memphis(46)	19-0	1,774	1
2. Kansas(26)	20-0	1,754	2
3. Duke	17-1	1,625	4
4. North Carolina	19-1	1,596	5
5. UCLA	18-2	1,500	8
6. Georgetown	16-2	1,377	9
7. Tennessee	17-2	1,339	3
8. MichiganSt.	18-2	1,320	10
9. Washington St.	17-2	1,261	6
10. Texas	16-3	1,129	12
11. Indiana	17-2	1,065	7
12. Butler	19-2	948	15
13. Wisconsin	16-3	848	11
14. Stanford	16-3	786	20
15. Xavier	17-4	638	23
16. Drake	18-1	616	22
17. Marquette	14-4	513	21
18. Pittsburgh	16-4	464	13
19. Vanderbilt	17-3	397	14
20. Florida	18-3	374	—
21. Saint Mary's	17-2	310	—
22. KansasSt.	14-4	281	—
23. Texas A&M	16-4	277	18
24. Mississippi	15-3	217	17
25. Baylor	16-3	166	25

Others receiving votes: Mississippi St. 112, Connecticut 108, Arizona 102, Dayton 69, Notre Dame 63, Southern Cal 63, West Virginia 63, Louisville 40, Purdue 34, Oklahoma 28, Villanova 27, South Alabama 22, Clemson 20, Gonzaga 17, Rhode Island 17, Arizona St. 16, Houston 9, Miami 7, UNLV 4, Saint Joseph's 3, Va. Commonwealth 1.

Women's basketball Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 27:

	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. Connecticut(50)	19-0	1,250	1
2. Tennessee	17-1	1,200	2
3. NorthCarolina	18-2	1,128	3
4. Rutgers	17-2	1,086	5
5. Maryland	22-2	1,051	4
6. Baylor	18-1	990	6
7. Stanford	17-3	980	7
8. LSU	16-3	908	9
9. Duke	15-4	817	10
10. California	17-3	772	8
11. Oklahoma	13-4	753	11
12. West Virginia	16-3	661	12
13. Old Dominion	16-3	658	13
14. Pittsburgh	16-3	528	19
15. Wyoming	18-1	502	18
16. G. Washington	16-4	451	20
17. Georgia	16-4	419	17
18. KansasSt.	14-5	375	22
19. OhioSt.	15-4	348	15
20. NotreDame	15-5	271	16
21. OklahomaSt.	16-3	258	14
22. Syracuse	16-3	216	24
23. DePaul	15-4	161	—
24. IllinoisSt.	17-1	84	—
25. Texas	15-5	79	—

Others receiving votes: Texas A&M 76, Utah 47, Nebraska 34, UTEP 33, Georgia Tech 24, Auburn 18, Virginia 16, Minnesota 14, Arizona St. 13, Marist 11, Vanderbilt 8, Michigan St. 7.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	35	8	.814	—
Toronto	24	20	.545	11 1/2
New Jersey	19	26	.422	17
Philadelphia	17	28	.378	19
New York	14	30	.318	21 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	28	18	.609

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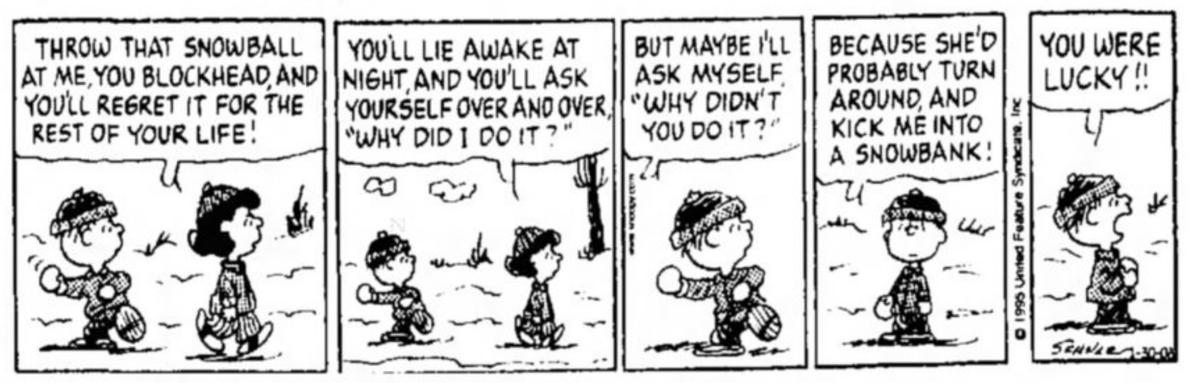
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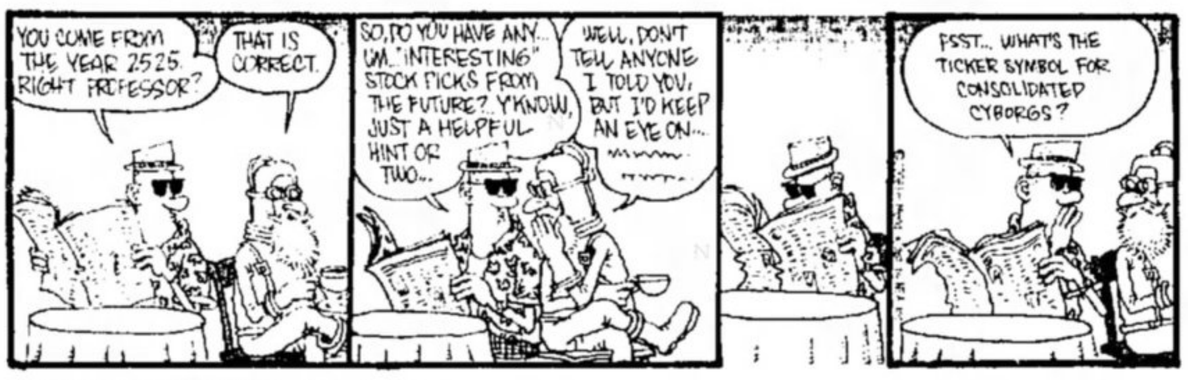
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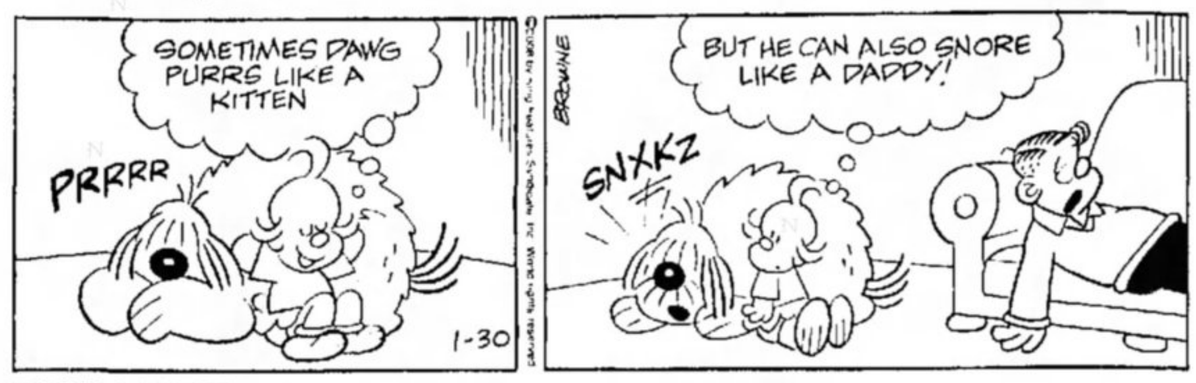

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HE'S SITTING THERE IN THE DARK
HOW MANY GENERALS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHTBULB?
1-30
MISS BLIPS!
JUST ONE, TO ORDER SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT
GREG+ MORT WALKER

BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

HAVE YOU BEEN EATING HEALTHY FOODS?
SUCH AS?
1/30
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I MAKE A POINT OF ONLY FRYING MY FOOD IN VEGETABLE OIL!

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FEELS GOOD BRAVING THE COLD, DOING SOME MANUAL LABOR.
NEVER TRUST A MAN WHO DOESN'T HAVE A LITTLE DIRT UNDER HIS FINGERNAILS, RIGHT, DAD?
DO I NEED TO KEEP REMINDING YOU WHY WE'RE OUT HERE?
NO, SIR.

FRANK and ERNEST® by Bob Thaves

WHILE ON AN ISLAND VACATION, ISAAC NEWTON NARROWLY MISSES AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER GRAVITY YEARS EARLIER.
WHO AM I? WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED?!
1-30
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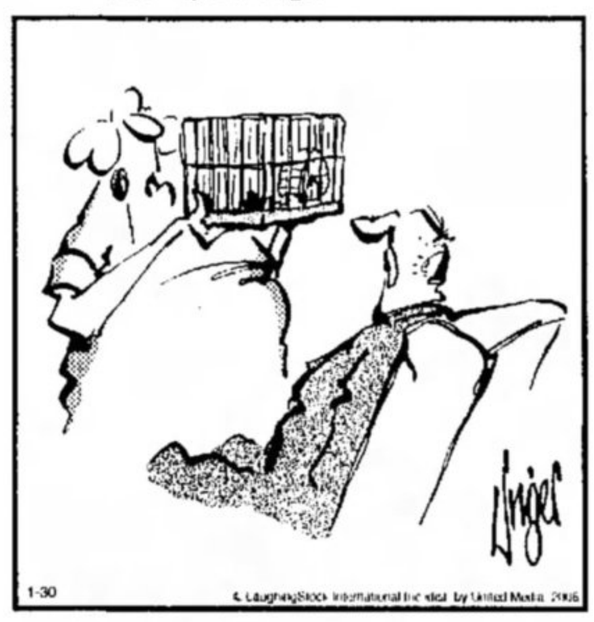

"This is my oldest hamster, Marvin, from my first marriage."

KIT'N' CARLYLE® by Larry Wright

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ANDREW... ELTON JOHN WAS NOT SINGING ABOUT TONY DANZA... IT'S "TINY DANCER," YOU NINCOMPOOP!
OH...
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT... HE DOES HAVE SOME VERY STRANGE LYRICS... TAKE THAT BENNY AND THE JETS GIRL AND HER MOTHER FOR INSTANCE...
WHAT?!
"SHE'S GOT ELECTRIC TOOLS HER MA HAS TOO"... ...SEE? WEIRD!
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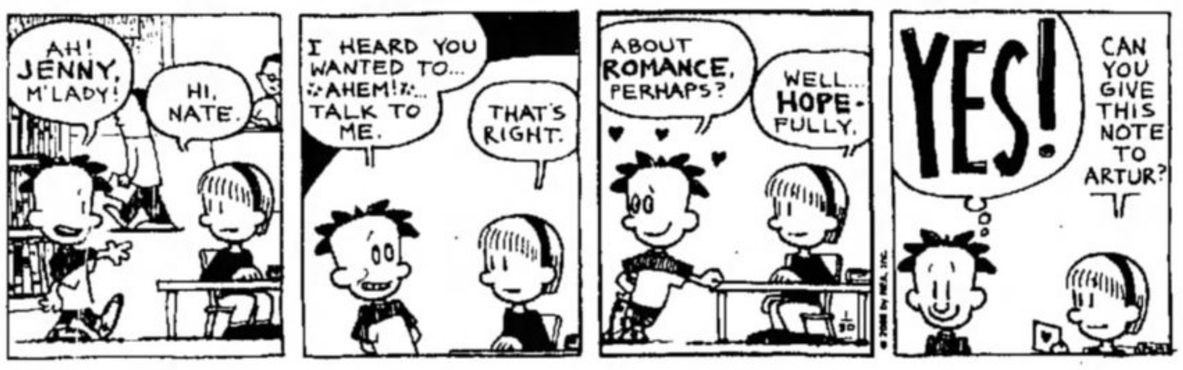

ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue

IF YOU ASK ME, ALLEY'S BEING LAZY AND DISRESPECTFUL ASKING YOU TO COME TO HIM!
OH, UMPA, I DON'T MIND!
COME ON, ARLO! TAKE ME TO HIM!
SORRY, I CAN'T! HE SAID YOU HAVE TO COME ALONE!
OOOOO...THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T COME TO ME! HE MUST HAVE A ROMANTIC SURPRISE PLANNED FOR ME!
I DON'T THINK SO, MISS OOOLA!
1-30

MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

WHEN WE GET ACROSS THIS STRETCH OF WATER, ANDY, WE'LL BE ABOUT 5 MILES FROM THE COMMUNITY!
JACK ELROD
THERE HE IS...LET'S MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T GET OFF THE WATER THIS TIME!
1-30
HOLY MACKEREL, IT'S THE PLANE AND IT'S TURNING THIS WAY!

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Coach — Rockne
6 Touch-and-go
12 Out to lunch
14 Swelled outward
15 Items of business
16 Hamburger extra
17 Double curve
18 Viper
19 Acquired
21 Equipment
23 Corral
26 More than ask
27 Chest muscle
28 Fruit-stand buy
30 Narrow inlet
31 Hot time in Quebec
32 Burnt up
33 Later than
35 Aleta's son
37 Cobbler
38 Kind of jacket
39 Figure out
40 Grassy surface
41 Collide with
42 Jiffy
43 Way to satori
44 Devotee's suffix
46 Meadow browser
48 Eye part
51 Martens
55 China and Japan
56 Saunter
57 Lifts
58 Not tasteful

DOWN

1 Mauna —
2 Racehorse
3 Pass near Pikes Peak
4 Antler prongs
5 Purposes
6 Kapitan's command (hyph.)
7 Some sisters
8 Cinderella wear
9 Historian's word
10 Boggy lowland
11 Journal VIPs
13 Rubber ring
19 Young cow
20 First name in mystery
22 Cold period (2 wds.)
24 Expire
25 Whim
26 Kind of muffin
27 Llama country
28 Tangy taste
29 More than want
34 Valuable furs
36 Grade school break
42 Photocopies
43 African equine
45 Faxed, maybe
47 Light bulb measure
48 Thick-set horse
49 Conquistador's quest
50 Brazilian port
52 Rapper Tone —
53 Forest grazer
54 Cagey

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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FEATURES

Our Lady of the Valley and Transfiguration Parishes are preparing for a Mardi Gras Dinner Dance to be held 7 p.m. Saturday at the Donora borough building. Pictured, from left, are Gloria Walsh, the Rev. George Chortos, of Transfiguration Parish, Marie Fronzaglio, the Rev. Joseph Oppong and Bev DeLattre, from Our Lady of the Valley. Missing from the photo is the Rev. Michael Yaksick, of Our Lady of the Valley Parish. For tickets, call the parish office.

CALENDAR WATCH

Thursday

■ Bishop Phelan Assembly 911 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the Mon Valley meeting, Charleroi Knights of Columbus home, 7:30 p.m.

■ Public CPR instructions, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

■ Tax representative provides local earned income tax assistance on wage tax, Monessen city building, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

■ Father William D. Fries Council 956 Knights of Columbus, Charleroi, officers' meeting, council chambers, 6:30 p.m.

■ Deadline for paying Monessen garbage fees at $105 rate.

CRAFT OF THE WEEK

Turn commonplace items into works of art

There's nothing like taking something commonplace and turning it into a lovely and useful work of art. And if you enjoy decorative painting, you know that few everyday objects make a better starting point for a project than a basic clay pot.

A full-color, 40-page guidebook, "Paint-A-Pot," makes it easy to get started. The book's 12 fun and easy projects will show you how to transform inexpensive terra cotta pots and saucers into colorful accessories for your home and garden. Each project includes a materials list, step-by-step instructions and full-size patterns.

If you're new to decorative painting, a short section of general instructions will help you get started, and full-color photos will make it easy to pick just the right project. There's even a resource list to help you find local craft supply sources.

Designs include "Sun Bells" (pictured), "Good Dog Cookie Jar," "Butterfly Pot," "Tassel Fun," "Tuscany Wine Cooler," "Dragonfly Birdbath," "Fiesta Chip & Dip," "Fruit Pot," "Rose Bowl," "Grow Pot," "Sunshine in the Kitchen" and "Gecko Table."

The "Paint-A-Pot" guidebook, No. LA22588, is $11.95. If you're new to decorative painting or if you'd just like to expand your skills, you can find 19 other outdoor projects (designed especially for beginners) in a 45-page guidebook, "I Can't Believe I'm Painting," No. LA22566, also available for $11.95. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.

'Sun Bells'

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: B equals P

"W T G C I W K Y W H T W T P X C W I R R I C C G H C S T I K Y W ; X C I Y M H K Y W H T W T P X C W I R R I C C G H C S T I H C C ."

- T P W K M P H S K R B C I K T M C P

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "Time you enjoy wasting is not wasted." - John Lennon
"So get a few laughs and do the best you can." - Will Rogers

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VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Monongahela Mother's Club

The Monongahela Mother's Club held its holiday social at Hill's Restaurant in December. The room was decorated for the occasion.

Joan Chambers tended the guest book.

President Anna Mary Frye welcomed the members and guests. She opened with a holiday greeting message.

The invocation was given by Marian Matthews.

After dinner was served, special recognition was given to Anne Frederick and Anna Hojo for having the longest membership in the club.

Birthday greeting was extended to Dolores Stoner.

A report of the November meeting was given. Matthews, Kerry and Frederick served on the social committee. Frye displayed a copy of a May 1989 Valley Independent, which had an article from the Monongahela Mother's Club.

Norma Simmen presented small gifts to all the women as favors for the party.

The remainder of the afternoon was enjoyed with a white elephant gift exchange conducted by Ramah Delso.

The event closed with a sing-along of Christmas carols directed by Frye. The club thanked Delso for a successful social.

The next Monongahela Mother's Club meeting will be held in April.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Twin Rivers COG to meet Thursday

The Twin Rivers Council of Governments board of directors will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the White Oak borough building.

CPR course set at YMCA

The Mon Valley YMCA, Carroll Township, in conjunction with Life 1st, will host an American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR course 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 11. Certifications will be awarded upon completion of the class. Registration can be done online at www.life1st.com or at the YMCA. For information, call (724) 483-8077.

Ginger Hill Grange to meet

The regular meeting of the Ginger Hill Grange will be held 8 p.m. Friday. Dues are being collected.

Spaghetti dinner set in Belle Vernon

The Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department will host a spaghetti dinner 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For takeouts, call (724) 929-5511.

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Special Valentine's Day Memorial Page To Be Published
Thursday, February 14, 2008

1.
You are not forgotten, loved one,
Nor will you ever be.
As long as life and memory last,
We shall remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes on we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.

2.
They say time heals all sorrows,
And helps us to forget,
But time so far has only proved
How much we miss you yet.
God gave us strength to fight it
And courage to bear the blow,
But what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.

3.
You have taken your long last journey
In the beautiful ship, called Rest,
Away from this world of sorrow
To the home of Eternal Rest.

4.
Today recalls sad memories
Of our dear one gone to rest
And the ones who think of you today,
Are the ones who love you best.

5.
Within our hearts we'll always keep
A special place for you
And try to do our best to live
As you would want us to.
We loved you so, we miss you,
In our memory you are near
Loved, remembered and longed for,
Always treasured with love sincere.

6.
Your life is a beautiful memory,
Your death is a silent grief.
You sleep in God's beautiful garden,
In the sunshine of perfect peace.

7.
Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is the picture we tenderly hold.
Deep in our hearts - memory is kept,
To love, cherish and never forget.

8.
Our hearts are heavy,
Our thoughts are all of thee,
How we really miss you, dear,
No one but God can see.
Some say time heals an aching heart,
But, no, it isn't true,
For many long years have passed
And our hearts still ache for you.

9.
Memories are treasures no one can steal,
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Loved dearly in life and living yet,
in the hearts of the ones who will
never forget.

10.
No one knows how much we miss you,
No one knows the bitter pain
We have suffered since we lost you,
Life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day, dear loved one
That we do not think of you.

11.
Tonight the stars are gleaming
Upon a lonely grave,
Where sleeps one without dreaming
The one we loved but could not save.
The rolling streams of life pass on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the smile, the love, the voice,
Of the one who once sat there.

12.
Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear;
Fond memories linger every day
Remembrance keeps them near.

13.
Gone, dear loved one, gone forever
How we miss your smiling face,
But you left us to remember,
None on earth can take your place.
A happy home we once enjoyed,
How sweet the memory still,
But death has left a loneliness,
The world can never fill.

14.
The depth of sorrow we cannot tell,
Of the loss of one we loved so well,
And while you sleep, a peaceful sleep,
Your memory we shall always keep.

15.
I formed a mental picture
Of the one I loved so dear,
He (She) went to meet his (her) Maker
Without a trace of fear.
Sometime I hope to join him (her),
What a meeting that will be,
When we are again united
Beyond life's sea of dreams.

16.
Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our eyes shed many tears,
God only knows how much we miss you
At the end of these long years,
And when evening shadows are falling,
And we are sitting all alone,
There comes to us a longing,
If only you could come home.

17.
Peacefully sleeping, resting at last,
His (hers) weary troubles and trials past,
In silence he (she) suffered,
In patience he (she) bore,
'Til God called him (her) home
To suffer no more.

18.
When links of life are broken
And loved ones have to part,
It leaves a wound that never heals
An ever aching heart,
So it does not take a special day,
To bring him (her) to our minds
For days that we do not think of him (her)
Are very hard to find.

19.
Within our store of memories,
He (she) holds a place apart.
For no one else can ever be
More cherished in our hearts.

A Valentine's Day Tribute
In Loving Memory Of
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Our beloved mother & grandmother, who passed away June 1995.
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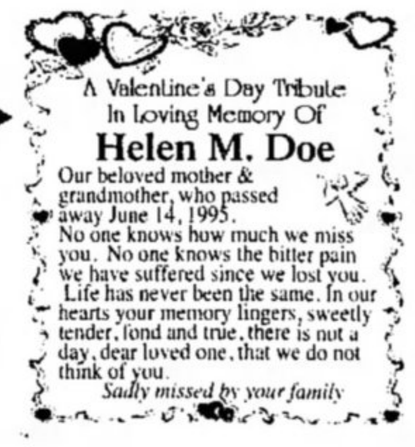
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Your Birthday AQUARIUS

THURSDAY, JAN. 31, 2008

January 20 through February 18

In the year ahead, conditions will be right for making some important, long-contemplated changes in your life. Not all times will be completely optimal, but you'll figure out when it will be best to make things happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Conditions are favorable for doing most anything you would like to do. If you want to launch a new project, make your move now while you are easily able to translate ideas into action.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You can do exceptionally well when it comes to handling challenges or competitive developments. Don't be afraid and try to sidestep your objectives just because there are a few boulders on the road.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Play everything free and footloose, and you will find that you will be able to easily and effectively cope with most testy developments that might occur. Having a good attitude will help a lot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- If you're alert and on your toes, you'll have an excellent chance to uncover something that could be financially advantageous. Pay particular attention to any kind of secondary sources for material gain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- It behooves you to keep everything in proper symmetry in all areas of your life. If you allow adequate time for taking care of responsibilities -- but still allot some hours for fun -- it'll put your system in good balance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Take pride in all that you attempt to do, and you will find that even the most dreaded tasks become less arduous. However, if you're indifferent toward your work, the results will reflect that as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Because you like the feeling of winning, involvements that have elements of friendly competition will be the ones from which you'll derive the most pleasure. You'll have lots of fun trying to best the other guy or gal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take the time to tidy up situations, projects or tasks that require some finishing touches. One of your talents is being a strong closer, so trade on this asset and clear up all those little things left hanging.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don't be reticent about trying to juggle several assignments simultaneously, because the more you have to handle, the better organized you'll get, and the better you are likely to perform. You'll enjoy the challenge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Conditions in general look exceptionally favorable, but you're likely to perform best in situations where you have to deal strictly with tangibles. You'd rather work with your hands instead of mental shadows.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Free yourself from binding encumbrances and people who aren't able to maintain your pace. You are one of the signs who functions best operating independently as much as possible.

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Position available immediately. Requirements: admin. cert. elem. or sec. with 3-5 years teaching experience and/or administrative experience. Minimum of Master's degree, preferred teaching certification in K-12 Reading or secondary mathematics. Strong knowledge of state standards, school improvement, curriculum and professional development. Computer skills a must. Send letter of interest, resume and standard Pa. education application, transcripts, current Act 34, 151 and 114 clearances, cert. and a minimum of three reference letters to: Mr. Joseph R. Paulisick, Director of Human Resources, Westmoreland Intermediate Unit, 102 Equity Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601-7190. Deadline February 29, 2008.

DOWN ROUTE DRIVER
Part-time position, approximately 25 hrs./week. Assist district managers with the delivery of newspapers to subscribers on routes that temporarily have no carrier. Must possess valid PA driver's license and reliable vehicle. Hourly rate plus mileage. Applications available at The Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062 or email your resume to lhutchison@tribweb.com

FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN
Local company seeking Field Service Technicians. Responsible for repair and calibration of industrial scales. Electronics and mechanical experience a plus but not required. Competitive wages plus full benefit package including medical insurance and 401K. Send resume to Kanawha Scales & Systems, 579A Park Way, Monongahela, PA 15063

FINISH TRIM Carpenter, full-time. Will train. Some carpentry experience necessary. Call 724-872-5930.

LIKE A CHALLENGE? Join Our Team! Immediate opening for Special Education Teacher in a day treatment program. New, retired, experienced welcome. Full or part-time, salary/benefit options available. Fax resume to: Karry at Agape, Inc. 724-684-5802.

MANAGER
Needed for hair salon. Full-time. Send letter of interest and/or resume in confidence to Box 892, c/o Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062

MH/MR Support Staff
Laurel Highlands Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports persons with MH/MR developmental disabilities, is currently seeking part-time and full-time support staff to work in our community homes in the West Newton, Turkeytown Rd., New Stanton, and Elizabeth areas. No experience is necessary. Paid training. Must be at least 18 years of age and have valid PA driver's license. Starting rate is $8.63/hour with benefits after 90 days, increase to $8.88/hr. after 6 months. EOE. Call ONLY Mon.-Fri., 9-3pm. 412-826-9141.

1000/GENERAL

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Great opportunity. Full-time or part-time. Guaranteed salary plus incentives. Paid vacation & holidays. Benefits. FREE continuing education.
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724-929-9550

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- Saturday mornings only
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- $7.15 per hour + shift differential + quarterly bonus
- This job entails placing pre-made inserts packages into the paper
- Involves bending, stooping, lifting & standing for extended periods of time
- Pre-employment screening

Applications available at:
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Monessen, PA 15062

NOTICE TO READERS:
While work-at-home and other informational advertising is often legitimate, we advise readers to fully investigate the background of any company before paying a fee. If an offer sounds "too good to be true", it probably is. Proceed with caution if you are asked to send money or in calling 900 numbers. All phone numbers prefixed by "900" are charged to the caller on a per minute or per call basis. The Valley Independent makes every effort to qualify these charges for the reader. Remember, if you have any doubts, investigate!

PART-TIME Position for a Cricket cellphone retailer. All shifts, incl. evenings til 7 & weekends. Sales/computer experience helpful. Apply in person at: Dee's Cricket, near Beer Arena in Belle Vernon.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT to provide a caring, family-like environment in the Belle Vernon area. Responsible for assisting with the day-to-day operations of a group home. Benefits available. Call to schedule interview 724-929-8137. EOE.

SECURITY GUARD
Immediate Opening
For Part-Time
Security Guard
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CARE CENTER
200 Stoops Drive
Monongahela, PA 15063
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724-310-1111

Soil Erosion Technician Position
Full-time position available immediately. Position requires a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, Agriculture, Engineering or related field. Must have own transportation to use on the job and be able to walk over rough terrain. Mileage is reimbursed. The position requires extensive fieldwork and engineering plan reviews. Full benefits. Qualified individuals should send resume, college transcripts and letters of reference to: Washington County Conservation District, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 105, Washington, PA 15301. No phone calls or walk-ins.

1000/GENERAL

OFFICE MANAGER for local excavating company. Full-time w/ benefits. Fax resumes to: 724-379-8235

1015/AUTOMOTIVE

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Please Apply in Person At:
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LIFT VAN DRIVERS & Taxi Drivers. Must have clean drivers license. Apply at Tri County Access, 1001 Meldon Ave., Donora.

1040/MEDICAL

Highlands Hospital

Manager Respiratory Therapy
Respiratory care practitioner with experience in both clinical & administrative functions. Will manage cardiopulmonary department, oversee operation of newly opened Sleep Lab, and provide respiratory therapy services to both inpatients and outpatients.

Assistant Director Rehab
Licensed PT to assist Director with coordination of rehab services (including speech and OT) and on-site fitness center. Will also provide clinical PT services to both inpatients and outpatients.

Clinical Dietician
RD or registry eligible, to work with inpatients and outpatients, and teach nutrition at local schools.

RNs - ICU, ER, Cardiac Rehab
Requires critical care training, related experience preferred.

Mental Health-RN,LPN Activity Therapist
For inpatient care setting. Related experience or a sincere interest in developing mental health nursing skills required.

Nurse Practitioner
CRNP with mental health and/or research experience. Must be independent worker and detail oriented.

Respiratory Care Practitioner
Registered or certified respiratory care practitioner.

Aerobics Instructor
Certified aerobics instructor. Will teach 4th through 12th grade students during school hours; hours and schedule will vary.

Unit Clerk
Casual Position. Certification or experience required.

Full-time and part-time positions include full benefit package. Casual and "Weekender" positions also available. Free on-site parking. On-site fitness center! Easy location just off Rt. 119S between Greensburg & Uniontown. Send resume or call for application:

Human Resources Dept.
Highlands Hospital
401 E. Murphy Ave.
Connellsville, PA 15425
724-626-2314 E.O.E.

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Work for a company that offers one on one home care with the added comfort of working close to your home...Nurses needed to care for 6 yr. old w/g-tube in Belle Vernon. Wednesdays 7am-6pm.
Call Krisha Nowl
1-800-447-2030
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Interim PEDIATRICS

2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for the provision, delivery and installation of new "HVAC Units" and "Fire Suppression System" and related construction for the Washington County 911 Center and Fourth Floor Data Center, Washington, PA 15301 will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, until 11:00 A.M., Prevailing Time, on Thursday, February 28, 2008, and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Office, Room 402 of the Washington County Courthouse Square Building. (Late bids are not accepted).

Copies of the Contract Documents and Drawings may be reviewed at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301. Contract Documents and Drawings may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of $75.00 made payable to the Washington County Commissioners. Bid packages will be mailed for an additional non-refundable fee of $20.00. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on February 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. All interested parties are to meet at the Public Safety EOC Room, located at 100 West Beau Street, C-Level, Washington, PA 15301 of the Courthouse Square Office Building. At this time, all interested parties will be shown the location. Interested parties are encouraged to attend a pre-bid meeting, as there will be no other times available to view locations.

Washington County will not be responsible for any incorrect information obtained from any source other than from Washington County.

All bids must be submitted 1 ORIGINAL + 3 COPIES, according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web Site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

Proposal must be accompanied by cash, certified check, cashier's check, bank good faith check, other irrevocable letter of credit or bid bond in the amount of 10% of the total amount of bid and made payable to the order of the Washington County Commissioners. Only the Bid Securities listed will be accepted.

SEALED BID ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED:

BID: HVAC Units & Fire Suppression System

CONTRACT #022808-CONTRACT I- GENERAL

CONTRACT #022808-CONTRACT II- HVAC

CONTRACT #022808-CONTRACT III- PLUMBING

The Washington County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bid proposals.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
LARRY MAGGI, CHAIRMAN
BRACKEN BURNS
DIANA L. IREY

ATTEST:
MARY HELICKE
CHIEF CLERK
1/30,2/4

2020/BID NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PIGEON CREEK SANITARY AUTHORITY
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Sealed bids for the construction of the Pigeon Creek Sanitary Authority Sewage Treatment Facilities 480 Volt Electrical Switchgear Replacement Project will be received by the Pigeon Creek Sanitary Authority located 508 Main Street, Bentleyville, PA 15314 on February 13, 2008, until 3:00 P.M. local prevailing time, at which time and place, said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids may be mailed to the Owner at 508 Main Street, Bentleyville, PA 15314, Attention: Mr. Rawl Harris, Chairman, and will be considered if received prior to the scheduled time of bid opening. The Owner assumes no responsibility for bids mailed but not received.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the Pigeon Creek Sanitary Authority located, 508 Main Street, Bentleyville, PA 15314 and at the Engineer's Office.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Chester Engineers, 260 Airside Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of $80.00 for each set. Make checks payable to Chester Engineers.

Telephone inquiries regarding the acquiring of documents for bidding may be made to the Engineer's Office at (412)809-6600. Only bidders receiving full set documents through the Engineer will be on record to receive Addenda.

Each bidder must deposit, with the bid, a certified check or bid bond security in the amount of 5% of the bid and subject to the conditions provided in the instructions to Bidders.

The work in connection with this project constitutes a Public Works by a Public Body under Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act. Bidders are advised that prevailing minimum wage rates, promulgated by the Pennsylvania Secretary of Labor, which must be paid to workmen employed on this project, are incorporated in the Contract Documents.

Bidders are advised that they must comply with all State anti-kickback regulations pertaining to work associated with this project.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held at the Authority's Office, 508 Main Street, Bentleyville, PA 15314 on February 4, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. Prospective bidders may discuss the project at that time with representatives of the Owner and Engineer.

All bids shall remain irrevocable for sixty days after the actual date and the closing time for receipt of bids.

The Pigeon Creek Sanitary Authority reserves the right, which is understood and agreed to by all bidders, to reject all bids, to waive any and all informalities in the bids, and to refuse to consider non-conforming, non-responsive or conditional bids.

Rawl Harris
Chairman
1/28,30

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1040/MEDICAL

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Deems, Clara Lee Etta
ESTATE NOTICE

The Estate of CLARA LEE ETTA DEEMS, deceased, late of West Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

Connie Loretta Palfrey
c/o 225 Washington
Trust Building
Washington, PA 15301

Mark Geary, Esquire
225 Washington
Trust Building
Washington, PA 15301
(724)222-9200
1/23,30,2/6

2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Giffin, Harry E.
EXECUTOR NOTICE

Letters Testamentary on the estate of HARRY E. GIFFIN a/k/a HARRY ELDON GIFFIN, Court Term No. 63-08-00033, late of Monongahela, Washington County, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Washington County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated for settlement.

JAMES W. HAINES, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1202 WEST MAIN ST.
MONONGAHELA, PA 15063

George Hutchko,
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Keenan, Elizabeth I.
EXECUTOR NOTICE

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JAMES W. HAINES, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1202 WEST MAIN ST.
MONONGAHELA, PA 15063

James Dean Keenan,
Co-Executor
710 Marne Avenue
Monongahela, PA 15063

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Co-Executor
9653 Winterset Circle
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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Price, Goldie
ESTATE NOTICE

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Keith A. Bassi
P.O. Box 144
111 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
Administrator DBNCTA

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Reed, Paul
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of testamentary on the estate of PAUL REED, JR., late of Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

Dorothy S. Reed
Executrix
1115 Henry Street
Belle Vernon, Pa 15012

Timothy M. Maalta,
Attorney
513 Schoonmaker Ave.
Monessen, PA 15062
1/23,30,2/6

2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance will be considered for adoption by the Rostraver Township Board of Commissioners at their Monthly Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the Rostraver Township Municipal Building, 201 Municipal Drive, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. The proposed Ordinance pertains to the following:

BILL NO. 572
ORDINANCE NO. 572
INTRODUCED BY
FIRST READING
FINAL READING
ADOPTED

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSTRAVER, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE NO. 421, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 23, 2000, BE AMENDED IN THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS:

ARTICLE V - SCHEDULES

187-33. Schedule I-A:
Maximum Speed Limits on Certain Streets.

Name of Street	Between	Maximum Speed Limit (mph)
Add Jonathan Willey Road as follows		
Jonathan Willey Road	Airport Drive to The Airport	20
Add Spring Grove Boulevard as follows		
Spring Grove Boulevard	SR 3025 to cul-de-sac	20
Amend Thomas Avenue As follows since it has been Renamed to Shore Avenue	*Monongahela Street and Henry Street*	25
Shore Avenue		

B. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of $35 and costs. Any person exceeding a maximum speed limit by more than five miles per hour shall pay an additional fine of $2 per mile for each mile in excess of five miles per hour over the maximum speed limit.

187-40. Section I-H. Stop Intersections Established.

A. Those intersections listed below which are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this section are established as stop intersections, and official stop signs shall be erected in which a position as to face traffic approaching the second named street upon the first named street at each stop intersection, in the direction or directions indicated for that intersection. Every driver of a vehicle approaching the intersection upon the first named street, in the direction indicated in each case, shall stop the vehicle as required by Section 3323 (b) of the Vehicle Code, and shall not proceed into or across the second-named street until he has followed applicable requirements of that section of the law.

Stop Street	Intersecting Street	Direction of Travel
Add Jonathan Willey Road as follows		
Jonathan Willey Road	Airport Drive	Westbound
Jonathan Willey Road	Rostraver Airport Private Road	Eastbound

Amend as follows since Thomas Avenue has been renamed to Shore Avenue and Thomas Street should have remained

Shore Avenue	Brown Street	Northwestbound and Southeastbound
Shore Avenue	Graham Street	Northwestbound and Southeastbound
Shore Avenue	Henry Street	Southeastbound
Shore Avenue	Monongahela Street	Northwestbound
Thomas Street	Fifth Street	Northeastbound and Southwestbound

B. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) and costs.

187-42. Section I-J. Streets Where Vehicle Weight Limits are in Force.

Street	Portion	Maximum Gross Weight
Add Jonathan Willey Road as follows		
Jonathan Willey Road	Between Airport Drive and Rostraver Airport	26,000 pounds

Amend as follows Thomas Street was renamed incorrectly as Shore Avenue

Sixth Street	Between Shell Street and Thomas Street	26,000 pounds

Amend as follows since Thomas Avenue has been renamed to Shore Avenue and Thomas Street should have remained
Amend as follows since Thomas Street has been renamed to Shore Avenue

Shore Avenue	Between Monongahela Street and Henry Street	26,000 pounds
Thomas Street	Between Fourth Street and Sixth Street	26,000 pounds

B. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be prosecuted under Section 4902(a) of the Vehicle Code and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of $150 and costs, and an additional penalty of $75 for each 500 pounds, or part thereof, in excess of 3,000 pounds over the maximum allowable weight as prescribed by Section 4902(a.1) of the Vehicle Code.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED as an Ordinance of the Township of Rostraver this the _____ day of _____, 2008.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF ROSTRAVER
By: Nick Lorenzo, President

ATTEST:
Pamela S. Beard, Township Secretary
1/30

4100/PERSONALS

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Williams, Rufus
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Thomas B. Kostyunsky
Administrator
617 McKean Avenue
Donora, PA 15033
1/30,2/6,13

2020/BID NOTICES

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Public notice is hereby given that the Borough of Charleroi will receive sealed bids at the Municipal Building 4th and Fallowfield Avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania 15022, until 12:00 Noon on February 14, 2008 and will be publicly opened and read aloud on February 14, 2008 at 7:00 P.M., prevailing time for

CONTRACT NO. 2008-01
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1/30,2/4

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2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE

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Joseph R. Paulisick
Director of Human
Resources and
Management Services
1/30,2/5,11

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2030/MEETING NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING
ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD
TO CITIZENS OF ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP

THE ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 201 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA 15012 ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008 AT 6:30 P.M., TO HEAR THE FOLLOWING CASES

1. Signstat, 412 Harrison Ave., Jeannette, PA 15644 is requesting a Sign Variance for the total square footage of signage. The owner of the property is Shoppes at Rostraver LLC, 128 Pricedale Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. The applicants' proposed use is an advertising sign for Game Stop. The property is located at 126 Pricedale Road and is presently zoned B-2.

2. R-K Neon Co., Inc., 731 Santone Dr., Greensburg, PA 15601 is requesting a Sign Variance for the square footage of signage. The owner of the property is Castelli Brothers Comp., Glimcher Group, 500 Grant Street, Suite 2000, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. The applicants' proposed use is an advertising sign for Sky Nails. The property is located at 251 Tri County Lane and is presently zoned B-2.

3. Rachelle Fetchen, 1211 Monongahela, St., Belle Vernon, PA 15012 is requesting a Sign Variance for total square foot of sign and height of sign. The applicants' proposed use is to bring an advertising sign for dog kennel into compliance. The property is located at 1211 Monongahela St. and is presently zoned A-1.

4. Dan Obusek, P.O. Box 13, Bunola, PA 15020 is requesting a Special Exception. The owner of the property is William R. Basile, P.O. Box 357, Newell, PA 15466. The applicants' proposed use is a Karate School. The property is located at 415 Don St. and is presently zoned B2.

All parties interested or wishing to be heard are invited to attend.

**NOTE: The applicant(s)/their representative MUST ATTEND this hearing in order for action to be taken on the request.

John Bedell, Secretary
Rostraver Township
Zoning Hearing Board
Municipal Building
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1/30;2/6

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2030/MEETING NOTICES

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The purpose of the meeting is to consider and act upon the adoption of an amendment to Resolution No. 06-02.

Washington Township
Board of Supervisors
1/30

2050/CORPORATE NOTICES

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before City Council of the City of Monessen on February 20, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 100 Third Street, Monessen, Pennsylvania 15062, for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations of interested individuals residing within the City of Monessen concerning the request of S & J Verner Enterprises, LLC, for approval to transfer restaurant liquor license No. E-2585, currently owned by Pizza Hut of America, Inc., to premises at Eastgate 12, Monessen, Pennsylvania 15062. The license is now in safekeeping with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and was last used at 4453 William Penn Highway, Murrysville Borough, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania 15668-9530. The request and hearing arise from Section 461b.3 of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code. Interested individuals should attend.

Timothy M. Maatta,
Attorney for Transferee
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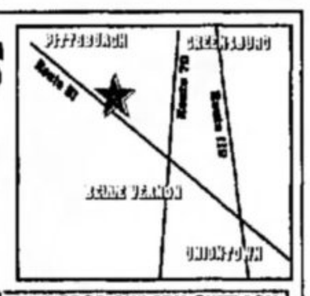

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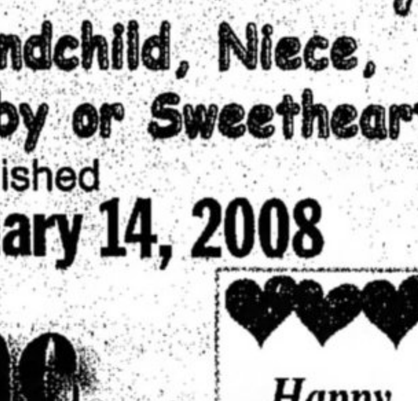

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